



# Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church  
Centre, Quakers Road

February 2018



## 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](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 or one of the welcome team.

Contact the Parish Office on 0117 908 9867 email: [office@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:office@christchurchdownend.com)  
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Items for March's Christ Church Life - Email **Sue Richardson** on [lfe@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:lfe@christchurchdownend.com) by  
11am on Tuesday 20 February or call 07584 281 605

# Sundays in February

## February 4 [John 1:1-4](#)

9.15am Morning Worship

Church Centre - Rob Stewart

10.30am AAW with Parade

Christ Church Juniors - Helen Buick & Jo Vickery

6.30pm Holy Communion

Parish Hall - Paul Peterson

## February 11 [Mark 9:2-9](#)

9.15am Holy Communion

Church Centre - Jo Vickery

10.30am Holy Communion

Christ Church Juniors - Paul Peterson & Jo Vickery

6.30pm Celtic Worship

Parish Hall - Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

## Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Parish Hall - Paul Peterson

## February 18 [Mark 1:9-15](#)

9.15am Morning Worship

Church Centre - Paul Peterson

10.30am Morning Worship

Christ Church Juniors - Nigel Stowe & Paul Peterson

6.30pm Holy Communion

Parish Hall - Paul Peterson & Peter Misselbrook

## February 26 [Mark 8:31-38](#)

9.15am Holy Communion Breakfast

Church Centre - Chris Dobson & Kathy Prosser

10.30am Morning Worship

Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery

6.30pm Spirit Space

Parish Hall - Chris Dobson

## Six Nations Rugby

Go to the website <https://goo.gl/bKoB6e> to see details of the Six Nations matches and who's hosting so you can go along and watch with other Christ Church members.

# 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 Yr 6 & 7

## Wednesdays

07.00am Morning Prayer @ Youth Hub

2pm Stroke Gardening Group @ Youth Hub

6.30pm Elev8 @ Youth Hub

7.30pm Elev8+ @ Paul Peterson's

8-9.15pm Elev8+ @ Youth Hub

## Thursdays

9.15-11.30am Holy Communion & Open Church @ Parish Hall

6.30pm Ignite Youth Group @ Youth Hub

8pm Ignite+ Youth Group @ Youth Hub

## Fridays

09.45am Jigsaw Toddler Group @ Parish Hall

3.15pm Youth Drop in @ Youth Hub

**Women's Quiet Day** Enjoy a day's retreat at Mill House Retreat Centre, Devon on Saturday 3rd March 10-4pm that is guaranteed to bless you. To book contact **Laura Green** by 6th Feb 07796157479 [women@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:women@christchurchdownend.com)

## Thank You From Craft Group

The Monday Craft Group would like to thank everyone for supporting Mercy Ships again last year. We raised £639.00 through card sales and donations. Unfortunately we can't take any more old Christmas cards.

**Open Doors** monthly prayer meeting for persecuted Christians is on **Tuesday 20 February** @ 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill.

## Martin Brown

Martin died peacefully on 16 January. He was an inspiration to many people as he continued to reveal God's glory through the trauma of Motor Neurone Disease. There will be a Celebration of his Life at **St John the Baptist Church, Frenchay** midday on **Saturday 3 February**. There will be a short service of commendation and committal at Westerleigh Crematorium for just family and close friends at 10.45am. Martin wanted family only flowers, with all donations to support the ministry of Pastor Misa in our link church in Moldova. Martin was passionate about the work of Transform Europe Now (TEN) especially the church planting ministry in Moldova and the building of a new church in partnership with our own Building4Life Project. Donations can be made through the gift envelopes available at the service or at Christ Church on the following day. Cheques should be made payable to 'Transform Europe Now'

**Moldova News** We are delighted to receive this [newsletter](#) from **Pastor Misa** this January. It is wonderful to hear about what happens inside their new Church building. On Christmas day all the kindergarten teachers turned up to join in with the celebrations. He sends news of three getting baptised, prayer requests, along with greetings to the brothers who visited them in September and the whole of our Church.

## Read The New Testament in 2018

Peter Misselbrook has written a 'New Testament in a Year' resource, with daily readings and explanation of the text. Its not too late to start! You can access the readings here <https://goo.gl/DtspNW>

## First Aid Training for Children and Youth Leaders

The February date has been cancelled and will hopefully be re-scheduled for mid-March. Please contact **Diane Paddon** or **Helen Buick** if you're interested.

## 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

**Downend Soup Tuesday 6 March** Get your tickets quickly, this is always a sell out event. Community crowd funding, and local musical talent + hot soup and lovely bread & cakes. [www.downendsoup.com](http://www.downendsoup.com) or tickets from Parish Office. Suggested donation is £5 per person.

**Young People** Are you going to Heatree? Our youth weekend away is Fri 8—Sun 10 June, please book your place by **4th March** with Diane Paddon. Parents & young people: save the date: we are having a **Youth lunch with parents** on Sunday **18th March** at the Parish Hall.

**Save the date!** The Youth Group are running their own Noise on 5th May. More details coming soon.

## Messy Church is on Wednesday 21

**February** 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 very grateful for God's answer to our prayers with Rosie Brydon taking on the role of Kitchen Coordinator.

Do you often have some freezer space for a bag of Messy Church food supplies in the days leading up to a Messy Church session? If so, please contact Rosie Brydon.

## Christ Church Needs You!

There are current opportunities to serve our church community. Please check the list here: <https://goo.gl/o8js2T>. There are opportunities in a variety of settings. A paper copy is available in the parish office It's good to be part of an amazing team with everyone doing their bit, big or small. " *Serving is a great way to know God better, for as we serve we become more like Jesus the Servant King.*"

**Clothes for a Cause** The clothing collection on 18th January raised an amazing £139.60 for the Building for Life project. In addition a generous £50 donation was received. Thank you to all who contributed—fantastic effort! There will be another clothing collection at the end of April. 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.

## February Dates For Your Diary

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| <b>Friday 2</b>     | Youth @ Rend Collective Bath Forum                                      |
| <b>Monday 5</b>     | Craft Group - 1.30pm @ Parish Hall                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 7</b>  | Mothers' Union AGM & Talk on CAP from Jane White - 2.15pm               |
| <b>Thursday 8</b>   | Reading Group - 7.45pm @ 36 Leap Valley Crescent                        |
| <b>Tuesday 13</b>   | Fellowship AGM & Fiesta da Flor with Sarah Mayes - 7.45pm @ Parish Hall |
| <b>Wednesday 14</b> | Ash Wednesday Service - 7.30pm @ Parish Hall                            |
| <b>Saturday 17</b>  | Family Pancake Brunch 9-11am @ Quakers Rd                               |
| <b>Monday 19</b>    | Craft Group - 1.30pm @ Parish Hall                                      |
| <b>Tuesday 20</b>   | Prayer for Persecuted Christians - 9.30am                               |
| <b>Tuesday 20</b>   | Bereavement Group - 1pm to 3pm @ Parish Hall with Val & Wendy           |
| <b>Wednesday 21</b> | Messy Church - 4.30pm to 6.30pm @ Parish Hall                           |
| <b>Sunday 25</b>    | Breakfast Service at Church Centre with Young People @ QRCC             |
| <b>Sunday 25</b>    | Spirit Space - 6.30pm @ Parish Hall                                     |

## Mothers Union Afternoon Tea - Tuesday 27th March—A family Easter event!

Please join us for hot cross buns, Easter biscuits, cakes and refreshments with Easter activities such as an Easter garden competition, an Easter bonnet parade and best decorated boiled egg competition. Other attractions will include the popular tombola, bring and buy stall, plant stall and a great card stall. There will be story time for children to learn more about Easter. All proceeds from this event will go to the Building4Life project. For more information contact **Angela Avent** or **Caroline Plummer**. We look forward to seeing you there!

The **2018 Christ Church Family Directory** is being updated and reprinted. This is a precious resource as we try to make contact with one another as one big Family. If your phone number or email address has changed in the past 12 months, or if you would like to be added into the directory, please fill in a form and decide which personal information you would like included, please place completed forms in the "completed forms envelopes" available at each service or hand to the Parish Office **by 11 February**.

**Vision Questionnaire** Many thanks to all who took part in our questionnaire about the Church's vision. After 5 years, it was useful to get a snapshot of how far it's been absorbed into our DNA and how people are finding it. While questionnaires are by their nature limited, there have been some useful markers of progress which we will share soon. We've also interviewed a handful of people to gather some more personal reflections. If you want to be interviewed contact Anita Dobson or any of the leadership team. If you missed it, download here <https://goo.gl/9E9hwV> or ask for a paper copy, and return to Anita. Feel free to discuss them in small groups or families is you'd prefer. The more feedback we get, the better.

**Mothers' Union** Jane White will be talking about CAP after the MU AGM to be held on **Wednesday 7 February** at 2.15pm in Parish Hall.