



# Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church  
Centre, Quakers Road

March 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 [life@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:life@christchurchdownend.com) by  
11am on **Tuesday 20 March** or call **07584 281 605**

# Sundays in March

## March 4 [John 2:13-22](#)

9.15am Morning Worship  
Church Centre - Nigel Stowe  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe  
6.30pm Holy Communion  
Parish Hall - Jo Vickery

## Mothering Sunday

### March 11 [John 3:14-21](#)

9.15am Holy Communion  
Church Centre - Jo Vickery & peter Misselbrook  
10.30am AAW New Style  
Christ Church Juniors - Paul Peterson, Ben & Katy Ray & children's activities - Helen Buick  
6.30pm Celtic Worship  
Parish Hall - Jo Vickery

### March 18 [John 12:20-33](#)

9.15am Morning Worship  
Church Centre - Kathy Prosser  
10.30am Holy Communion  
Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery & Kathy Prosser  
6.30pm Holy Communion  
Parish Hall - Chris Dobson

## Palm Sunday

### March 25 [Mark 11:1-11](#)

9.15am Holy Communion  
Church Centre - Jo Vickery  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Christ Church Juniors - Paul Peterson & Jo Vickery  
6.30pm Adult baptism service  
Christ Church Juniors - Paul Peterson

### March 30 Good Friday

10am Journey to the Cross King George V Car park  
2pm At the Foot of the Cross Parish Hall

# 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  
7.45pm 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

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

**Women's World Day Of Prayer** A service will be held at Badminton Rd Methodist Church on Friday 2nd March 2018, at 2.00pm.

**MU Hunger Lunch** on Wednesday, 7th March, at 12.15 p.m. in North Street Hall. Tickets are £4.50 and can be obtained from Beryl Evans on 0117 9761987. The guest speaker is Peter Misselbrook.

**Bible Reading Course** There is a new day time "How to Read the Bible" course starting Mon 12 March 3pm with Peter Misselbrook at 2 Coronation Rd. See more here; <http://christchurchdownend.com/new-day-time-bible-course-starting-soon/>

**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>

**Messy Church** is on **Wednesday 21 March** 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.

**Mothers Union Afternoon Tea - Tuesday 27th March 1.30-3.30pm —A family Easter event!** Bring your Easter Bonnet, decorated egg or Easter Garden for our competition or make one with us. Egg decorating, Easter garden making, Easter story time, cards and home made stalls and refreshments. All proceeds from this event will go to the Building4life project. For more information contact **Angela Avent** or **Caroline Plummer**.

**Annual Summer MU Outing**  
Gloucester and Stanway House, Cotswolds  
Tuesday 19th June 2018 Cost including Cream Tea. £24 All Welcome. Contact Joan Wynne Jones. 9569161

**Lent Appeal for Host Families**  
As we approach a time of joyful celebration in the Church calendar we ask if you might consider doing something for international relations...making a small but significant contribution towards greater understanding worldwide. HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. HostUK operates all year round and would very much welcome more volunteer hosts to join them.

More information can be found on our Website: [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org)  
Email [info@hostuk.org](mailto:info@hostuk.org) or 020 7739 6292

**Downend Soup Tuesday 6 March** There are still tickets available. Community crowd funding, and local musical talent + hot soup and lovely bread & cakes. Get tickets from [www.downendsoup.com](http://www.downendsoup.com) or the 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. We are having a **Youth lunch with parents** on Sunday **18th March** at the Parish Hall.

**Dynamic 11-18s evening**  
God speaks— are you listening? 10th March 7-9.30pm @ Resound Games, tuck, music, worship and prayer Lifts from the Youth hub at 6.45pm.

We're super excited about our **Easter Mix** - City wide youth celebration. We'll be sharing and celebrating the Easter story through a UV party, stories, film, spoken word, worship and drama! 16 March 7.30-9.30 Woodlands Church. Lifts from the youth hub at 6.30pm. Please let Youth leaders know if you plan to come.

**Parish Safeguarding Officer** Could you help our church in this vital role in the care and oversight of children and vulnerable adults. Please see Paul Peterson or Jo Vickery for more details.

**Building4Life Update** Please look out for the update leaflet on fundraising and work completed. [B4L Building update](#) contains a variety of recent photos from the Church, drawings showing planned work and additional work possible only with fundraising. There is also a link to the fortnightly buildings progress report. You can also view latest drawings via the 3D software walk through the virtual building. **Please continue to hold this project in your prayers as we begin to see the vision come alive!**

## March Dates For Your Diary

<b>Saturday 3</b>	Women's Quiet Day 8.30-5pm@ Mill House Tiverton
<b>Friday 2—5</b>	Fellowship Weekend in Sidmouth
<b>Monday 5</b>	Craft Group -1.30pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday 6</b>	Downend Soup—7.30pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	Mothers' Union Hunger Lunch & Talk on Bible from Peter Misselbrook - 12.15pm
<b>Thursday 8</b>	Reading Group - 7.45pm @ 36 Leap Valley Crescent
<b>Saturday 10</b>	Dynamic—7-9.30pm @ Resound
<b>Monday 12</b>	How to read the Bible course—3pm @ Peter Misselbrook's
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	Fellowship "Who are the Gideons?" - 7.45pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Friday 16</b>	Easter Mix—7.30-9.30pm @ Woodlands Church
<b>Monday 19</b>	Craft Group - 1.30pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	Prayer for Persecuted Christians - 9.30am @ 39 Cleeve Hill
<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>	Adult Baptism Service - 6.30pm @ Christ Church Juniors
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	Easter Afternoon Tea - 1-3.30pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Thursday 29</b>	Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion 10.30-11.30am @ Parish Hall
<b>Friday 30</b>	Journey to the Cross walk around Parish 10am @ King George V Playing Fields Car park
<b>Friday 30</b>	Good Friday service At the Foot of the Cross 2pm @ Parish Hall

Gifts of £300 to TEN and a further £100 to Mercy Ships in memory of Martin Brown have been made from the Open Church Tuesday and Thursday coffee donations. All donations from now onwards will be given to the Building4Life fund. Anne Castle.

### **Sunday 25 March—Baptism Service 6.30pm at Christ Church Juniors**

Leyla Fellowes, Ahmad Taei and Frank Green are being baptised on Sunday evening 6.30pm at Christ Church Juniors. Please come along and bring friends. Pray for those being baptised.

Our **Mothering Sunday Service** on March 11th @ 10.30 will be in the **New Style All age service**. At 10:45 children will go out to the children's area for activities which involve worship, toys, challenge, noise and wriggle. Please come and share worship with all our Church family. Ben and Katy Ray, our Mission Champions from Neema Crafts will be sharing that day and a selection of their crafts will be for sale after the service.

**Lent Plastic Challenge** The "Blue Planet effect" has seen action being taken in politics, by individuals and the Queen to cut plastic use. David Attenborough's documentary highlighted the hideous damage being done to the oceans by our throw away society. Anglican Bishops have called on Christians to care for God's creation by participating in their **Lent Plastic Challenge**. So how can we do this? At church: bring own coffee mug to 10.30 service. (We now have fully compostable card cups too) At home: order milk from milkman- or increase it. On the move: fill a reusable bottle with tap water before leaving house. Don't bin food bags or toilet roll bags. Check if they can be re-cycled by looking for the correct symbol and wording. Staple Hill Tesco's has a bag bank. To find out more about what you can do to reduce plastic follow this link to the Plastic Free Lent Blog post on our website. <http://christchurchdownend.com/2018-lent-plastic-challenge/>