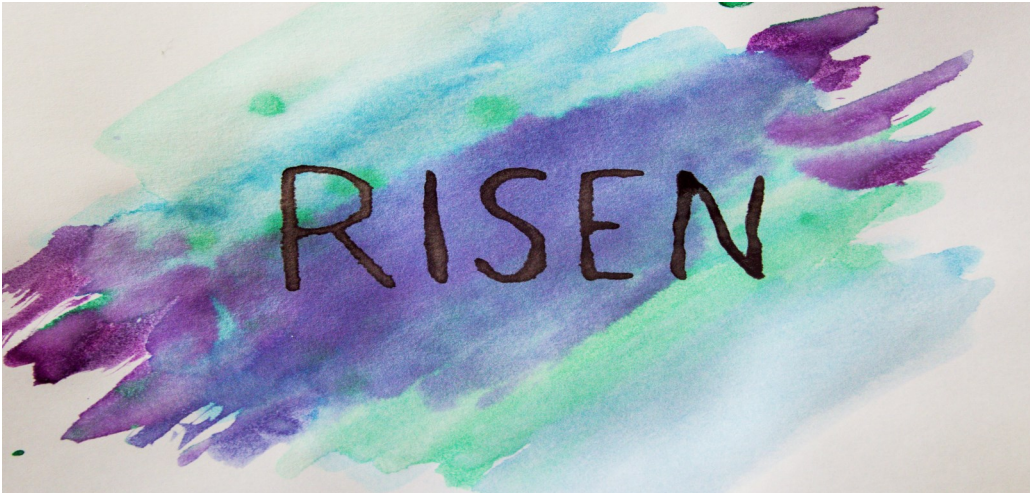




Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church
Centre, Quakers Road

April 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

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)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchdownend> Twitter: [@ChristChDownend](https://twitter.com/ChristChDownend)
Youth Website: <http://www.igniteyouth-christchurchdownend.co.uk/>
Facebook CCD Community: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/christchurchcommunity1/>

Items for May's Christ Church Life - Email **Charlie Walker** on life@christchurchdownend.com by
Thursday 19th April

Sundays in April

Easter Sunday

April 1 [John 20:1-18](#)

9.15am Morning Worship

Church Centre - Paul Peterson

10.30am Easter Celebration HC Christ

Church Juniors - Jo Vickery & Paul Peterson

6.30pm Holy Communion

Parish Hall - Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

April 8 [John 20:19-31](#)

9.15am Holy Communion

Church Centre - Paul Peterson & Peter

Misselbrook

10.30am Morning Worship

Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery & Peter

Misselbrook

6.30pm Celtic Worship

Parish Hall - Jo Vickery

April 15 [Luke 24:36b-48](#)

9.15am Morning Worship

Church Centre - Jo Vickery

10.30am Morning Worship

Christ Church Juniors - Paul Peterson &

Jo Vickery

6.30pm Holy Communion

Parish Hall - Paul Peterson

April 22 [John 10:11-18](#)

9.15am Holy Communion

Church Centre - Chris Dobson

10.30am Morning Worship

Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery & Chris

Dobson

6.30pm Spirit Space

Parish Hall - Jo Vickery

April 29 [John 15:1-8](#)

9.15am Holy Communion

Church Centre - Paul Peterson

10.30am Morning Worship

Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery & Paul
Peterson (12noon APCM)

6.30pm Healing Service

Parish Hall - Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

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 7s & 6s from CCJ

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

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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 17th
April** @ 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill.

Monday 30 April - Friday 4 May

Be Inspired and challenged by the
persecuted church. Early booking
recommended. From £260 full board, day
visitors welcome. For more information on
Lee Abbey and to book call 01598
752621 www.leeabbeydevon.org.uk

Our next **Messy Church** is on Wednesday 18
April at Christ Church Parish Hall, 4.30-6.30.

Annual Summer MU Outing to Gloucester &
Stanway House, Cotswolds on Tues 19th June
Cost inc. Cream Tea -£24 Contact Joan
Wynne Jones. 9569161 to book a place.

Changes to Christ Church Life

We are very grateful to Sue Richardson for taking the lead for the past 3 years in how we communicate through our news sheet, and the many changes we have seen over the past 3 years, notably changing to a once a month news sheet and then transforming how our news is emailed out. Sue has handed over the production & editing of Christ Church Life to Charlie Walker, who is our Parish Administrator Assistant working on Thursday and Friday mornings in the Parish Office. Charlie can be contacted via the same CCL email life@christchurchdownend.com or by phoning the Parish Office on 9089867 and leaving a message for Charlie.

The **Annual Report** is being finalised this month, we hope to publish it online on Sunday 22nd April. The report will be emailed and paper copies will also be available.

The **APCM Annual Parish Church Meeting** will be on Sunday 29th April at midday after a shortened morning service. Everyone in the church family is invited. We hope you will all come and celebrate what God has been doing - each member of the body is needed and each valued. Elections for Wardens, PCC and deanery synod members for the next 12 months will take place. Please prayerfully consider whether you might stand for any of these roles. If you have children who would like a sandwich, drink, fruit & a video during the APCM - RSVP to helenmbuick@gmail.com.

Deputy Warden 10.30 Service Colin Cooper has accepted this new position with responsibility for organising support teams to facilitate the 10.30 service. He may be asking for your help soon.

Sunday 22 April is our first Families lunch at the vicarage. Families are invited to have fun and get to know each other through play & food, but if you are on your own and fancy this noisy afternoon, please join us. RSVP by Tues 17 April to Helen on 07817077141

Mahabba Prayer is a new group meeting monthly to pray in love for local Muslims. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining the next meeting on Thurs 26th April at 2pm.

Message from Grace Huggins Thank you everybody for my cards, flowers, plants, continued prayers and phone calls. Thank you to Paul Peterson, Kathy Prosser and Alan Harding for their visits in hospital.

Clothes for a Cause On 25th April, there will be another collection for Clothes for a Cause, with all money raised going to the Building4Life fund. Please look out any unwanted clothes, footwear and handbags and deliver to 5 Peache Road anytime on 25th April. Clothes should be clean and in reasonable condition. Rosie Brydon

On Friday 11 May Christ Church Fellowship will be hosting a **Fashion Show & Proper Afternoon Tea** at the Parish Hall 2-5 pm. Tickets £10 from the Parish Office weekdays or from Pam at Christine Peter's shop in Staple Hill Raising funds for Building4Life.

What happened about that Questionnaire? Since you filled out the questionnaire on 6th January, we've been working hard to learn from it and shape our priorities for the next 2 years. The report is available on the [website](#) Paper copies are also available.

Life Groups: as you will see from our questionnaire there are plenty of reasons to be in a Life Group (small group). They make such a difference to growing in and sharing faith with others. Ask Anita Dobson to find a group that would suit you at this time.

Electoral Roll Update - This list is updated annually in advance of our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Anyone over 16 who has been baptised can be listed, as long as they either live in the parish or have attended Christ Church regularly for at least 6 months. This enables you to attend and participate fully in the APCM, and is essentially a way of expressing your belonging to Christ Church. Forms available at CCJ, Parish Hall and Church Centre or from the Parish Office. This year's roll has to be updated by 15th April.

Taking Action on Plastic- Let's Talk about it How are you all getting on with reducing your use of plastic this Lent? [Christ Church website](#) has information on the Lent Plastic Challenge and "Action on Plastic" for ideas to get you going. See Geoff Payne for copies.

April Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 4	Mothers Union talk on Children's Hospice —2.15pm @ Parish Hall
Tuesday 10	Fellowship "The Queen's Bodyguard" - 7.45pm @ Parish Hall
Monday 16	Craft Group - 1.30pm @ Parish Hall
Tuesday 17	Prayer for Persecuted Christians - 9.30am @ 39 Cleeve Hill
Tuesday 17	Bereavement Group - 1pm to 3pm @ Parish Hall with Val & Wendy
Wednesday 18	Messy Church - 4.30pm to 6.30pm @ Parish Hall
Sunday 22	Family Lunch - 12.30pm @ The Vicarage
Sunday 22	Spirit Space - 6.30pm @ Christ Church Juniors
Wednesday 25	Clothes for a Cause collection—anytime @ 5 Peache Road
Thursday 26	Mahabba Prayer Meeting -2pm
Friday 27	Jigsaw Sponsored Litter pick—9.45am @ Parish Hall
Sunday 29	APCM Annual Church Meeting - 12pm @ CCJ

Could you be a school governor? We currently have a vacancy for a foundation governor at Christ Church Junior School. Foundation governors support and uphold the Christian ethos of the school and fulfil a key role in the school's life. Training is provided. Please speak to Graham Ball or Paul Peterson to find out more.

Best foot forward Paul Peterson is running the London Marathon on 22nd April whilst raising money for RETRAK's work with street children and those caught up in trafficking in various parts of Africa. If you'd like to ease the pain of 26.2 miles and support such a good cause, you can do so at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulPetersonLondon>

Christian Aid Week runs from 13th -19th May - in addition to door to door collections we'll be holding 2 big breakfast events - one will be in partnership with Christ Church Junior School. Please look out for further details and opportunities to deliver & collect envelopes.

Our first **Messy Church Disco** is on Friday 11th May to raise funds for the Building4Life project. Do you want to offer to help? Or do you want to come and invite your friends? There will be a Parents' bar & BBQ at the Youth Hub while the children boogie the night away in the Parish Hall. We will need plenty of volunteers if you want to help in any way, please speak to Helen. The Infants Disco will be 6-7pm, Juniors disco 7-8pm. Book your child's ticket (£3.50 inc. hotdog & drink) online at <https://bookwhen.com/messychurch> or call Helen Buick to book on 07817077141 Bookings close Monday 7 May.

Collection for Transform Europe Now - TEN informed us that Martin Brown's Thanksgiving service received a final total of £2609.45 in donations (before gift aid); TEN sent this message: 'We are so grateful to Martin for his generous support for Misa's work during his life-time, and for specifying that the donations in his memory should be given to TEN for Misa's work. Thank you so much to Christ Church Downend for all that you do to support Misa Hiorescu's ministry in Moldova. It is greatly appreciated.'

St Michael's Church Pre-School & Nursery in Stoke Gifford have a f/t vacancy for Preschool Nursery Nurse. Contact Kelly McCloskey / Vanessa Rennolds on Tel 0117 9236395 or email: preschoolnursery@btconnect.com. Closing date 30th April.

Jigsaw are doing a sponsored litter picking on Friday 27th April at 10.30 -11 am to fundraise for Building4Life. Support our little ones on their first fundraising experience! Do sponsor us—sponsor sheet is at all services.

If you miss a Sunday evening or a Thursday morning sermon you can now listen to them on the Church website. You can find them on the Sermon archives. Or if you prefer, all our teaching is published via podcast too. You can subscribe to our podcast via this [link](#)