



# Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church  
Centre, Quakers Road

May 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 see the prayer team at the back of the hall at the 10.30 service.

Contact the Parish Office on 0117 908 9867 email: [office@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:office@christchurchdownend.com)  
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Youth Website: <http://www.igniteyouth-christchurchdownend.co.uk/>  
Facebook CCD Community: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/christchurchcommunity1/>

Items for June's Christ Church Life - Email **Charlie Walker** on [life@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:life@christchurchdownend.com) by  
**Thursday 17th May**

# Sundays in May

**May 6** [Acts 10:44-48, John 15:9-17](#)

9.15am Morning Worship

Church Centre - Peter Misselbrook

10.30am Morning Worship Christ

Church Juniors - Paul Peterson & Peter Misselbrook

6.30pm Holy Communion

Parish Hall - Paul Peterson

**May 13** [Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, John 17:6-19](#)

9.15am Holy Communion

Church Centre - Paul Peterson & Nigel Stowe

10.30am Holy Communion

Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

6.30pm Celtic Worship

Parish Hall - Jo Vickery

**May 20** [Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15](#)

9.15am Morning Worship

Church Centre - Paul Peterson

10.30am Morning Worship

Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery & Paul Peterson

6.30pm Holy Communion

Parish Hall - Chris Dobson

**May 27** [Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17](#)

9.15am Breakfast Holy Communion

Church Centre - Paul Peterson & Diane Paddon

10.30am Morning Worship

Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery

6.30pm Spirit Space

Parish Hall - Paul Peterson

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](#)

# 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 15th May** @ 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill.

**Mahabba Prayer** meet monthly to pray in love for local Muslims. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining them.

**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.

**Message from Gill & Chris Boulton** "I would like to say thank you for the prayers, good wishes, flowers and gifts of food that I received at the time of my recent operation and recovery, we are both over whelmed by your kindness and can never thank you enough. Bless you all."

**Christian Aid week** 13th -19th May - as well as our usual door to door collections we'll be holding 2 big breakfast events - one for pupils and parents at Christ Church Junior School on 10th May and the second on Pentecost Sunday 20th May. Bacon butties and orange juice will be available from 9.45am at CCJ, for a small donation. If you can lend us a George Foreman or similar mini grill for that morning, please contact Jan Bacon. Coffee donations at the Thursday 17th May Communion service will also go to Christian Aid. You can deliver and collect envelopes from a road near you by signing up on the list, or speaking to Ann Castle.

Copies of an 11 day devotional produced by Christian Aid, and linking with the **Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative** are available from Church Centre, CCJ and the Parish Office

**C in the Park** - the countdown is on to C in the Park 2018, on Sunday 24th June at King George V Park. This year Christ Church is taking the lead with stewarding and the prayer tent. Stewards will be required for set up at 6am and then for various duties from 10am-5pm.

See the sign-up list from 6th May, or email [paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com)

Let's all be praying about who we could invite to the open air service at 11am that day, and the picnic and family fun day which follow.

**Marathon Update.** A big thank you from Paul to all those who sponsored him for the London Marathon which he completed in 3 hours 44 mins. So far including gift aid over £1500 has been raised for RETRAK's work with street children. There's still time to donate at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulPetersonLondon](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulPetersonLondon)

**Aquila Course - Hope After Heartbreak** A new course helping people to find hope and healing after divorce or relationship breakdown is starting on Monday 14th May at the Youth Hub. Is this the right time for you to find a deeper healing? Please share with others who might also be interested. If you would like to know more call Gill on 07807058479 or email [bristol@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk](mailto:bristol@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk)

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 are available at the Parish Office.

**Mission Direct Kumi** On Sunday 13th May, we'll be hearing briefly from members of the Christ Church family who joined the Easter mission team in Kumi, Uganda. After the 10.30 service there will be a cake sale to raise money for the Porridge Fund. Money raised will help every child in class P7 have breakfast and lunch in the run up to their exams. One of the biggest barriers to learning for children is hunger. Carole Wilson is also looking for volunteers to crochet some squares to make blankets to go out to Kumi in July.

**Safeguarding Update** - At this week's PCC meeting, the updated Safe from Harm Policy was approved and copies are now on display on the website and in our service venues. If you have any concerns relating to Safeguarding matters at Christ Church, do contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer Paul Peterson on 0117 3307673. All of us share in the responsibility for ensuring that we look after the children, young people and vulnerable adults in our church family.

We are still on the lookout for someone to take on the **Safeguarding Officer** role, do speak to Paul, Jo or a member of the PCC if you want to know more.

**Can you bake a shepherd's pie/ bake 8 potatoes once a month on the 3rd Wednesday?** If so, we need your help! Most of our Messy church food is provided by a team of home cooks who prepare some food and bring it along or have it collected. This food blesses the families and brings fertile ground for great conversations about life and faith. Get in touch if you can help, even if occasionally. PS If you're not free on a Wednesday you can make it in advance and freeze it! Rosie Brydon, Helen and Anita

**MU Meeting May 2nd** Speaker Roger Angerson will be giving a talk "Facts, Trails and Signs." He points out things and places of interest which we pass every day - but never see.

## May Dates For Your Diary

<b>Wednesday 2</b>	Mothers Union talk on Facts, Trails & Signs –2.15pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Saturday 5</b>	The Noise - 8.30am meet in Youth Hub
<b>Tuesday 8</b>	Fellowship meeting “Cleeve Hill & Beaufort Hospitals WW1”- 7.45pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Friday 11</b>	Fashion Show & Afternoon Tea—2-5pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Friday 11</b>	Messy Church Disco—Infants 6-7pm, Juniors 7-8pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Monday 14</b>	Aquila Course -7.30pm @ Youth Hub
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Prayer for Persecuted Christians - 9.30am @ 39 Cleeve Hill
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	Messy Church - 4.30pm to 6.30pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Sunday 20</b>	Family Lunch - 12.30pm @ The Vicarage
<b>Monday 21</b>	Craft Group - 1.30pm @ Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday 22</b>	Bereavement Group - 1pm to 3pm @ Parish Hall with Val & Wendy
<b>Sunday 27</b>	Spirit Space - 6.30pm @ Parish Hall

**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.

Our first **Messy Church Disco** is on Friday 11th May to raise funds for the Building4Life project. There will be a Parents' bar & BBQ at the Youth Hub while the children boogie the night away in the Parish Hall. 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.

**May's prayer focus** is those in Finance, and also those who are unemployed. Please remember both groups in your prayers. If this is you, what can we pray for you at this time? What are the opportunities and challenges for you in your faith? Please pass prayer requests to Anita Dobson [anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com)

**Women's Quiet Day at Mill House, Devon** After our day was snowed off, we now have a new date: Saturday 8th September. If you would like to attend this special day of peace, prayer and restoration, please contact Laura Green at [women@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:women@christchurchdownend.com) or 07796157479 Cost £23 10-4 pm

**It's all about LIFE!** We long for as many people as possible to discover the life - giving encouragement of being in a Life Group (Home group, prayer triplet or other small group.) What about you? What kind of group would suit you best in your life right now? There are many opportunities, some of which you may not be aware of. Please speak to Anita Dobson about the possibilities that would help you take a step nearer to God this year and a step closer to being the person he created you to be. 07753233950 [anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com) You can read a report on our current Life Groups here: <http://christchurchdownend.com/its-all-about-life/>

**Bristol Cathedral** is holding a discussion event on the housing crisis 'Who is Bristol for?' At The Chapter House, Bristol Cathedral Wednesday 16th May 6.30pm For more information please go to <https://bristol-cathedral.co.uk/whats-on/who-is-bristol-for>

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