



Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend +
The Church Centre, Quakers Road



*Those who live in
his shadow will
...blossom like the
vine.*

Hosea 14:7

July + August 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. For our Summer Sundays series there will be children's activities each Sunday. 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 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

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 September's Christ Church Life - Email **Charlie Walker** on life@christchurchdownend.com by
Thursday 24th August

Sundays in July & August

July 1 [James 3](#)

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

July 8 [James 4:1-17](#)

9.15am Holy Communion
Church Centre - Jo Vickery
10.30am Holy Communion
Christ Church Juniors - Jo Vickery
6.30pm Celtic Worship
Parish Hall - Anita Dobson & Peter Misselbrook

July 15 [James 5](#)

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 - Paul Peterson & Peter Misselbrook

Summer Sunday Series

July 22 [Bible Superhero Barnabas](#)

9.15am Holy Communion
Church Centre - Jo Vickery
10.30am Morning Worship
Christ Church Juniors - Paul Peterson & Jo Vickery
6.30pm Spirit Space
Parish Hall - Anita Dobson

July 29 [Bible Superhero Moses](#)

9.15am Holy Communion
Church Centre - Paul Peterson
10.30am Morning Worship
Christ Church Juniors - Nigel Stowe & Paul Peterson
6.30pm Evening Worship
Parish Hall - Nigel Stowe

August 5 [Bible Superhero Esther](#)

9.15am Morning Worship
Church Centre - Nigel Stowe & Matt Brydon
10.30am Morning Worship
Christ Church Juniors - Anita Dobson & Matt Brydon
6.30pm Holy Communion
Parish Hall - Julia Chard

August 12 [Bible Superhero Ruth](#)

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

August 19 [Bible Superhero Nehemiah](#)

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 & Peter Misselbrook

August 26 [Bible Superheroes Shiphrah and Puah](#)

9.15am Holy Communion
Church Centre - Chris Dobson
10.30am Morning Worship
Christ Church Juniors - Paul Peterson & Chris Dobson
12pm Baptism Service
6.30pm Spirit Space
Parish Hall - Jo Vickery

Weekly Events for Children and Youth finish at the end of July and start again in September.

Opportunities to serve

Thank you to the wonderful people who serve in many different ways in our community. If you'd like to dip your toe in the water, or have a change of role, here are some of the current opportunities to serve. (There are many more so do ask to speak to someone to discuss your particular passion or to pray with you about where God might lead.)

Jigsaw- needs new leaders to help with tasks such as setting up and clearing up, singing nursery rhymes with the children, making drinks. Contact Anita

Messy Church - seeking dads and granddads to get messy with wood crafts, needs one or two new home cooks who might cook a dish once a month as well as people to run craft activities or register the families as they arrive. Contact Helen/Anita

Youth—seeking new leaders to join the team for afterschool groups. See Diane/ Gary

Would you like to know more about becoming a youth leader? Maria Henderson has written a special message from the heart about what its like to work in Youth leadership. Check out her blog on the [Christ Church Downend website](#)

CCJ School Foundation Governor: Graham Ball comes to the end of his term of office. We are on the lookout for a new governor to join the team. Contact Paul/Jo
Click the website links to find out more about [Christchurch Junior School](#) and being a Foundation Governor at <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/schoolgovernors/>

Are you serving in Children's or Youth ministries or feel you would benefit from First Aid training? Then this is for you...

First Aid Training Gary Smart has kindly agreed to run a one day First Aid course. 7th July 11-5pm in the Parish Hall Cost £10 please contact Jan Bacon or Gary Smart.

Are you looking for a way to serve God on Saturday 14th July?

Here are three enjoyable possibilities:

Come and join us on our stall at **Heathfest** for an hour between 12 – 6pm. We will be running a game to raise money for the Building for Life project and just being a presence at this Bromley Heath festival. We would be very grateful if some of you could be there. Please see Diane to book a slot on the stall rota. If you can't volunteer, do come along to our stall and say hello.

There is an **African Evening in the Christ Church Centre** on Quakers Road which includes African food and a talk from an African Pastor. We have been asked if up to ten **young people** could arrive at 6.30pm and serve the food. Please see Diane if interested.

Saturday 14th July - Gardening Working Party - come anytime from 8am till 12 noon to help get the Spiritual Garden and Garden of Remembrance back into shape. Please bring tools and drinks! Meet outside the Youth Hub, everyone welcome.

Alpha is back Monday evenings from 1st October in the Youth Hub. An opportunity to explore the meaning of life, ask those tough questions and discuss with others over coffee and cake. Who could you bring along or invite?

Baptism and Confirmation Opportunities to publically affirm your faith before friends and family. Christ Church will be hosting these services in late November. Alpha will serve as adult preparation, and there will be a 6 week series for teenagers starting in late September at Paul Peterson's - 15 Glendale.

Prayer Breakfast 7-8.30am 18th July in the Youth Hub for Building4Life. A wise Christian once said to me, "If the Church prays, the Church moves" let's pray together for our church community for Building4Life, that God's will be done in all areas of the project. Pray from 7am, breakfast from 8am. Everyone welcome.

Women in Work group

This group aims to help working women find a moment of stillness and reflection as well as the chance to share experiences and find support from others in the same position.

Could this be for you?

Come along to the Sandringham pub, Quakers Road Bromley Heath on Tues 17th July at 8pm for a drink and a chance to meet others and see what interest there is. Find out more from Anita Dobson.

“Breaking the Sound Barrier”

Would you like to have the confidence to pray out loud with others, but never feel able to utter the first word?

Come to a workshop for those who would like to learn how to pray aloud with others.

Suitable for those new to prayer or those with many years of frustration, and anyone in between. Confident out loud pray-ers need not apply! **Tuesday 21st August 7.30 – 9 pm in the Youth Hub.** We will look at Biblical teaching on prayer, at the practicalities of taking the first step, and of course we will have a go in a safe and supportive setting.

You have nothing to lose but your fear! Sign up on the clipboard at the welcome point in each service venue, or email/ call Anita Dobson 07753233950

anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com



The **85th Kingswood Scout Group** who meet in their HQ in Quakers Road are desperately in need of adult leaders (18+) particularly for the Friday night Cub pack. Volunteers would get free Scout training much of which is modular. Presently it is likely that we will sadly have to close the much loved Friday Cub pack at the end of this term if we cannot find suitable leaders. For details contact Sally Green chrisandsally77@btinternet.com 9562478



Monty Mouse is seeking new friends with whom he can share God's love!

Who could you invite to our Jigsaw Toddler service to meet Monty Mouse and have fun while learning to follow God? You might live on the same street as families with under 5's, or see them at the school gate or clubs. We have postcard invitations to give out, and we would love you to use them to invite people. Ask Anita or pick up from the welcome desk at the services.

Parenting -want some support?

We are thinking of running a parenting course in the near future, particularly for those with children at primary school or below. If interested, please speak to Laura Nicholls or Anita Dobson. Also there might be scope for a Marriage course - think of it as an MOT- a health check that all couples could do every few years. Speak to Anita Dobson if interested.

Mondays

09.15am Morning Prayer @ Youth Hub

Tuesdays

10am-1pm Open Church @ Youth Hub
11.00am Bible Study

Wednesdays

07.00am Morning Prayer @ Youth Hub
2pm Stroke Gardening Group @ Youth Hub

Thursdays

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

Open Doors monthly prayer meeting for persecuted Christians is on **Tuesday 17th July & Tuesday 21st August** @ 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.

Thank you to everyone for their financial support and time given in house collections for Christian Aid Week. **Christ Church 's Christian Aid donation was £1700.93 this year.** A big thanks too for all those who came along to the big breakfast events; before the Sunday 10:30 Service and the pupils' big breakfast event at CCJ school.

Thank you to all the CAP volunteers who came to our "Meet & Greet" It was fantastic to see so many of you there and to share the vision for the work of CAP. We'd love to bless our clients on their birthdays. If you'd be happy to bake a cake for our clients on their birthday please contact Leyla Fellows leylafellows@capuk.org or 07530 900 957.

Church Re-Opening Celebration Weekend

Fri day 5th to Sunday 7th October

A variety of events are planned to celebrate and re-dedicate the church building and ourselves to God's service.

Service of Dedication, Friday 5th Oct 7 pm with special guest Bishop Graham Tomlin (Bishop of Kensington) he has been directly involved with pastoring the Grenfell Tower tragedy, he is a local Downend lad.

Saturday 6th October, Church Open to all from 9.30am There will be flower displays, photography exhibition, refreshments **2-4 pm Children's Activities** and a bounce castle in Church! Followed by an evening concert celebrating local talent.

Sunday 7th October 10.30am Harvest service of Celebration followed by **Bring and Share Banquet. Songs of Praise at 6.30pm.** If you would like to be involved and offer help in any way, please speak to Jo, Shahne, Maggie or Anita.

Date for the diaries - Christ Church Parish Weekend at Lee Abbey - 27th-29th September 2019 at Lee Abbey conference, retreat and holiday centre on a beautiful 280 acre site on the edge of Exmoor on the North Devon Coast. We have booked out the whole centre and look forward to an inspiring time of teaching, worship, fellowship and renewal for all ages. Make note of the dates **and watch out for the booking forms in the weeks ahead.** For a taste of what Lee Abbey has to offer visit <https://leeabbeydevon.org.uk/>

Women's Quiet Day at Mill House, Devon There is still time to book your space on Saturday 8th Sept. Contact Laura Green at women@christchurchdownend.com or 07796157479 Cost £23 10-4 pm

July & August Dates For Your Diary

July

Sunday 1	Porridge Breakfast 9.15-10.15am @ Parish Hall
Sunday 8	Youth leaders & parents picnic after service @ CCJ
Wednesday 4	MU Meeting 'Bristol Cathedral' 2.15pm @ Parish Hall
Tuesday 10	Christ Church Fellowship 'Behind the gun' 7.45pm @ Parish Hall
Saturday 14	Gardening working Party 8-12noon meet @ Youth Hub
Sunday 15	Shuffle up Sunday - children moving up in Sunday Groups
Monday 16	Craft Group 1.30-3pm @ Parish Hall (next meeting Sept 3rd)
Tuesday 17	Prayer for Persecuted Christians 9.30am @ 39 Cleeve Hill
Tuesday 17	Open Church 11-12.30pm @ Parish Hall (last till Sept)
Tuesday 17	Bereavement Support Group 1-3pm @ Parish Hall
Tuesday 17	PCC Meeting 7.15pm
Tuesday 17	Women at Work 8pm @ Sandringham Pub
Wednesday 18	Prayer Breakfast for Building4Life 7-8.30am @ Youth Hub
Wednesday 18	Messy Church Bring & Share meal 4.30-6.30pm @ Parish Hall
Friday 20	Jigsaw last date (starts again 7 Sept) 9.45am @ Parish Hall
Sunday 22	Spirit space 6.30pm @ Parish Hall
Tuesday 24	Cream Tea for families with children's activities 1-5pm, hosted by the Mothers' Union @ Parish Hall

August

Wednesday 1	MU Garden party & Cream Tea @ Parish Hall
Tuesday 14	Fellowship Bring & Share Supper. Everyone welcome 7pm @ Maggie Nichols home 6 Sidelands Road
Tuesday 21	Prayer for Persecuted Christians 9.30am @ 39 Cleeve Hill
Tuesday 21	Bereavement Support Group 1-3pm @ Parish Hall
Tuesday 21	Breaking The Sound Barrier Prayer work shop 7.30-9pm @ Youth Hub
Sunday 26	Spirit space 6.30pm @ Parish Hall

Mother's Union meet next on 4th July 2.15pm Yvonne Mason-Milletts talks about being a guide at Bristol Cathedral. On 1st August at 2.15 pm, there will be the MU annual tea party in the Parish Hall.

If you know of an urgent or serious situation for prayer, call or email Mary Freestone 0117 956 6630 ianandmaryfreestone@gmail.com and she will pass on the prayer request to a group of praying people, who will pray as soon as they receive the message. Remember to check with the person concerned that they are happy for the prayer request to go public.

Growing Leaders course starts in September. A series of ten sessions over 2018/19 will be held at St Michaels Centre, Stoke Gifford & St Nicholas, Yate. Course information can be found on the Church website at <http://christchurchdownend.com/the-2018-2019-growing-leaders-course/> to know more please speak to Jo or Paul.

B4L Chair Project : Just a reminder that if you want to donate to the Church by cheque can you please make it payable to **The PCC of Christ Church Downend.**

Church library We have moved the church library to a temporary home during the building works. If you would like to borrow or return a book, speak to Alex Clark. You can see the books here on the website: <http://www.christchurchdownend.com/library/>