



Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend +
The Church Centre, Quakers Road

Psalm 118: 19

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD



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. Children and Youth groups take place during the 10.30am Sunday Services. New children are welcome to join these groups which start at approximately 10.50am. More details about the life of the church can be found on the website.

Prayer

If you would value prayer about absolutely anything, there are members of the Prayer team who are always ready to pray for you and with you near the font.

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 November's Christ Church Life - Please email **Parish office** on life@christchurchdownend.com by **Friday 19 October**

Services in October

Open

Thurs 4 Oct

9.30am Holy Communion
Parish Hall

Sun 7 Oct

OPEN
Acts 16:13-15

9.15am No Service
Church Centre

10.30am OPEN & Harvest Celebration
Christ Church

6.30pm Harvest Hymns of Praise
Christ Church

Thurs 11 Oct

9.30am Holy Communion
Christ Church

Sun 14 Oct

Open to Others—Hospitality & Invitation
Luke 24:13-35

9.15am Holy Communion
Church Centre

10.30am Holy Communion Christ Church

6.30pm Celtic Worship—Family
Christ Church

Thurs 18 Oct

9.30am Holy Communion
Christ Church

Sun 21 Oct

CAP Mission Sunday

**Open to the unknown, curiosity,
adventure, taking risks**
Joshua 1:1-11 & Luke 5:1-11

9.15am Morning Worship
Church Centre

10.30am Morning Worship with
Baptisms Christ Church

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thurs 25 Oct

9.30am Holy Communion
Christ Church

Sun 28 Oct

**Open handed living, living lightly,
stewardship**
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

9.15am Holy Communion Church
Centre

10.30am Morning Worship Christ
Church

6.30pm Spirit Space
Christ Church

Thurs 1 Nov

9.30am Holy Communion
Christ Church

Sermon recordings for Sunday 10.30am and
6.30pm and Thursday 9.30am services can be
found at www.christchurchdownend.com

Re-opening of the Church Celebration Weekend - Fri 5 - Sun 7 October

Enjoy and support this varied programme of events to celebrate and re-dedicate the church building and ourselves to God's service.

Worship Sun 30 Sept 7pm

Night of Prayer Sun 30 Sept 8pm - Mon 1 Oct 7.30am followed by continental style breakfast at 8am. Come at any time and stay as long as you like. Prayer stations and activities will give you direction or you can pray your own way. The theme of "Open" will prepare us for the opening weekend but also for the future, with a readiness to be open to what God has in store for us as individuals and as a church. It's also a good reminder to pray for the many in the surrounding community that God wants us to reach out to with open arms just as he does. You can sign up for an hour slot as with previous prayer events, in order to ensure that at least 2 people will be praying at any time. This can be done by copying this link or by contacting Anita.

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/70c805>

We will end with prayer all together at 7.30 am on Mon 1 Oct, followed by a continental style breakfast. (Please sign up if you would like to come.)

<http://christchurchdownend.com/event-items/night-of-prayer/>

Church Preview Wed 3 Oct 6.30-7.30pm Church family are all invited. Come to a special private preview of the re-opened church building as a thank you to you all who have given, worked and prayed to support the project. Enjoy a glass of something and a chance to have a look around as we celebrate together.

Service of Dedication Fri 5 Oct 7 pm with special guest Bishop Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington.

Open Church Sat 6 Oct 9.30am - 12.30pm including flower displays, photographic exhibition, refreshments.

Fun Afternoon with Bouncy Castle Sat 6 Oct 2-4 pm Bouncing, crafts & refreshments.

Celebration Concert Sat 6 Oct 7pm Showcase of local musical talent including school groups, Bromley Heath WI choir, our talented young people and other local musicians. Ticketed Event - free tickets available from the Parish office or Anita Dobson.

Harvest All Age Praise Sun 7 Oct 10.30am Including our uniformed groups.

Bring and Share Banquet Sun 7 Oct from 12.15 - 3pm Sign up sheet to confirm what you will bring.

Harvest Songs of Praise Sun 7 Oct 6.30pm All gifts of non-perishable food will be given to CAP and St James Priory Project (for those recovering from drug addiction).

Ways to be involved - Welcoming, car park attendant, chair movers, washing up, serving drinks, ticket desk, general support, providing food (details to follow) and most importantly, inviters and bringers of friends, neighbours and families. The church belongs to the whole community so let's celebrate together and see them come to many events and worship in the future. Let's invite as we mean to go on. Please speak to Jo, Shahne, Maggie or Anita.

Women in Work group Come and spend some time reflecting on your faith, work and life with others who will have gone through similar experiences. We meet monthly on the first Tuesday. The October meeting is cancelled—next meeting Tues 6 November, 7.45pm in the Youth Hub.

Alpha is back - Monday evenings 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? Use the publicity postcards and speak to Paul Peterson or Angie Moller if interested. The introductory supper will be at 7.45pm on Mon 1 October. If you miss that you're still welcome to join us from 8 October onwards.

Baptism and Confirmation are opportunities to publicly 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 short series for teenagers starting on Thurs 4 Oct from 8-9pm @ Paul Peterson's.

The **Parish Harvest Supper** will be held on Tues 9 Oct 2018 at North Street Parish Hall 7.45pm for 8pm Tickets £8 can be obtained from Maggie Nichols 0117 3050711, Marguerite Luck 0117 9572377 or the Parish Office

A celebration of the life of Hazel Roberts will take place at Christ Church Downend on Fri 12 October at 11am. Committal at Westerleigh Crematorium 12.30 pm. People are encouraged to wear bright colours. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service and then everyone is invited back to May Ann & Stephen Taylor's house.

Open Church will be held in the Youth Hub on Tues 2 October 10.30am-12.30pm. On Tues 9th October Open Church will move back to the Church building. It will open at 8.30am for tea, coffee, guided Church tour, quiet time and prayer. At 9.30 there will be a short reflective reading. At 11am there will be a Bible study. Open Church will end at 12.30pm.

Mothers' Union 3 Oct 2.15pm Parish Hall Astrid Domingo Molyneux will be talking about "Cycling full circle".

Open Doors monthly prayer meeting for persecuted Christians is on Tues 16 October 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill.

Mahabba Prayer meet monthly to pray in love for local Muslims. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

Urgent prayer needs - contact Mary Freestone will pass on prayer requests to a group of praying people, who pray as soon as they receive the message. Remember to check with the person concerned that they are happy for the request to go public. 9566630
ianandmaryfreestone@gmail.com

Office Changes—From October the Parish Office will be changing. Elissa Wiltshire (Parish Administrator) will work Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday mornings and Maggie Nichols (assistant to Parish Administrator) will work Thursday and Friday mornings. Miranda Mingay (Administration Assistant) will be working 5 mornings per week. The office opening hours will remain the same: Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 12pm.



Maggie Nichols has been a member of CCD congregation for many years and has fulfilled many roles during this time, including that of Church Warden and more recently Project Coordinator for the reordering.

With the opening of the reordered Church building it was time to find out about Maggie's involvement with her many roles at CCD

What roles are you currently involved in at CCD? Most of my time over the last two years has been taken up with project coordinating the build, alongside Revd Jo Vickery.

I have also still been working in the Parish Office one day a week.

I organise the team that creates the flower displays in Church and I am Secretary of Christ Church Fellowship, organising the weekends away and general monthly meetings.

From October I will be working in the Parish Office two days a week.

What has been the best part of being the project coordinator for the Church reordering?

Getting my own pink hard hat and hi-viz vest!

The privilege of seeing the project through from beginning to end has been amazing. I have seen the Church transformed from holes in the ground, to a beautiful space for worship and to celebrate creativity.

We have had some surprises on the way (from burial vaults in the ground to the wrong colour paint being applied to the walls and pillars)!!

I have loved the challenge but would not have been able to fulfil this role without the strength and courage that God has blessed me with.

It was Jo's belief in me that I could do this role and I am so thankful to him for this and appreciative that I have had this opportunity.



October prayer focus

Our prayer focus for our frontlines this month is animal welfare, farming and the environment. Please pray for all farmers, those involved with animal welfare, and our precious environment. Please pray for the members of our congregation who are involved in these fields.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee

Morning/Evening

Thurs 4 October 10am—4pm and 7pm—9pm at 36 Leap Valley Crescent, Downend. Coffee & home-made cakes. Flamingo/Phoenix cards and gifts (including Christmas cards). All sales support Macmillan. All welcome. Contact Alex Clark for more details.

Ladies Pudding Night 7.30-9pm on Sat 13 October in the Youth Hub. All ladies welcome. All puddings appreciated. We can offer lifts to those who would like to come but are unable to do so because of transport. See Diane Paddon for details.

Join our Christmas Choir (Especially Men)

Come and join this fun choir as we prepare for our Carols by Candlelight services on December 16. See what it's all about at an introductory session on Thurs 18 October at 7.30pm - 9pm at church. (Coffee and cake provided.) Being able to read music is not essential: parts will be recorded for you to listen to at home. Rehearsals are Thurs 8, 15, 22, 29 November and Thurs 6, 13* December. All rehearsals are 7.30 - 9 pm except * 8-9.30pm. On the big day: rehearsal 2 -4 pm; 1st Carol service 4.30pm; light tea available for performers; 2nd service 7pm. Ideally, singers need to attend all rehearsals. For more information speak to Helen Owens helenkucharek@hotmail.com

Trunk or Treat was so successful last year that we will be doing it again on Wed 31 Oct from 5.30-6.45 pm in the Parish Hall Car Park. If you would like to bring a car laden with goodies/treats or a game/food please sign up with Helen Buick

children@christchurchdownend.com.

Find out more details on our Blog post.

The Big Bake—one of the cooks' team at Haslemere @ Danehill Youth Venture for 10s—13s has had to pull out so if you enjoy cooking and aren't overawed by the thought of providing for 100 hungry adults and teenagers under the leadership of an experienced chef, please speak to Paul Peterson. The dates are 22-25 Oct, the venue -Cumnor House School in East Sussex.

Invitation to Standing Strong Open Doors Celebration 2018. Come and meet speakers from North Korea, Egypt and India as they share their testimonies of courageous faith in the face of extreme adversity @ Birmingham 17 November 10am—4pm. Bethel Convention Centre. Go to www.opendoorsuk.org to book your place. More details from Mary Massey or Ann Travers.

Church Library

The Church library will be moving back into Church. Thank you to Alex Clark for looking after all the books and cataloguing them during the reordering. Books will now be found in the balcony.

The latest signed **PCC minutes** are now available on the website <http://christchurchdownend.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/PCC-Minutes-17-07-18.pdf>

The next Downend SOUP is on Tue 2 Oct 6.30pm. It's an extra special SOUP as teams of local primary children will bid for support with their ideas to change our world for the better. Tickets (suggested donation £5 per adult) are from the Parish Office or [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). We would love any volunteers to help on the night or bring a cake. Or a cooked tray of pizza. Speak to Ian Browne, Jenny Rawling or Helen Buick for information

CAP News

If you'd like to get involved with the CAP Ministry please come to our 'Befriender Training Workshop' on Sat 10 Nov, 10.30am-1pm in the Youth Hub. Please contact Leyla if you're interested: leylafellows@capuk.org

Look out for **"The Debt Saviours"**, a BBC documentary showcasing the work of CAP. It will be aired on BBC2 at 9pm on Fri 5 October.

Every year we like to bless our clients with Christmas Hampers. We'd really appreciate **Christmas food donations** for our Food Bank e.g. biscuits, chocolates, mince pies. Thank you!

Messy Church home cooks needed

Would you be able and willing to join the rota of people who bring food for Messy church? This involves cooking for 8 people once a month. The recipes are kept simple. We can reimburse the cost of the ingredients. If you are interested in helping, even on an irregular basis we would love to hear from you as we are very short of volunteers at the moment. Please speak to Rosie, Helen or Anita.

Wild Goose Café serving the homeless - Lorraine Cooper, Richard and Elizabeth Ward's homegroup has served in the Wild Goose café in Easton once a month for some years but will be stepping down at the end of the year. If anyone feels called to be involved in serving the homeless through this ministry, you can ask Lorraine and the Wards about their experiences or get in touch with Steve Smith at Crisis Centre Ministries steve.smith@crisis-centre.org.uk.

Shoe Box Appeal 2018 Bring some happiness to someone in need this Christmas. Please help, in any way, to support the sharing of love to someone in Eastern Europe. You can donate a whole filled shoebox, just a toothbrush, toothpaste or a monetary contribution. All items required to fill the shoeboxes are listed in the leaflets available from the Parish Office or from Angela Avent - 07921 504854. All the shoeboxes need to be ready by the end of October. Please bring to Church or Parish Office.

Beautiful hat, scarf & glove sets available for £2 per set if you would like one to go in your shoebox or for yourself. Please see Angela. All proceeds from the sale of this will go to 'Aid Ukraine'.

Christ Church Parish Weekend at Lee Abbey - 27-29 September 2019 - Lee Abbey conference, retreat and holiday centre sits on a beautiful 280 acre site on the edge of Exmoor on the North Devon Coast. Although the official booking deadline has now passed there are still some spaces, so if you're able to join us, please complete and return a booking form asap. To see more of what Lee Abbey has to offer visit <https://leeabbeydevon.org.uk/> **Booking forms** are available on the church website or from the office.

Weekly Events

Mondays

9.15am

Morning Prayer @ Christ Church (from 8 October)

Tuesdays

11am

Bible Study @ Youth Hub (2 October)

11am

Bible Study @ Christ Church (from 9 October)

3.15pm

Tuesday Drop in (Yrs 6,7&8) @ Youth Hub

3.30 - 4.30pm

Tuesday Move It Club (Yrs 3-5) @ Pendennis Flats

Wednesdays

7am

Morning Prayer @ Christ Church

2pm

Stroke Gardening Group @ Garden Room CC (from 10 Oct)

6.30pm

Elev8 @ Youth Hub

8-9.15pm

Elev8+ (Yr 9 plus) @ Youth Hub

Thursdays

9.30-11.30am

Holy Communion & Open Church @ Christ Church

6.30pm

Ignite Youth Group

8pm

Ignite+ Youth Group

Fridays

9.45am

Jigsaw Toddlers Group @ Parish Hall

3.15pm

Youth Drop in (Yrs 9-11) @ Youth Hub

October dates for your diary

Sunday 30—Mon 1

Night of prayer followed by 7.30am breakfast @ CC

Monday 1

Craft Group 1.30-3pm @ Parish Hall

Tuesday 2

Junior Soup 6.30-8pm @ Parish Hall

Wednesday 3

Preview Evening 6.30pm @ CC

Wednesday 3

MU "Cycling Full Circle" 2.15pm @ Parish Hall

Friday 5

A service of dedication, thanksgiving & celebration @ CC

Saturday 6

Open Church to look round the newly refurbished CC
9.30am—12.30pm @ CC

Saturday 6

Fun afternoon for children, families and young people
2—4pm @ CC

Saturday 6

Celebration concert 7pm—9pm @ CC

Sunday 7

Harvest Celebration for all ages (10.30am) with bring and share celebration lunch (12pm—3pm) @ CC

Sunday 7

Hymns of Harvest Praise 6.30pm @ CC

Tuesday 9

Open Church 8.30am—12.30pm @ CC

Tuesday 9

CC Fellowship Harvest Supper
7.45pm @ Parish Hall

Saturday 13

Dynamic @ Resound

Monday 15

Craft Group 1.30-3pm @ Garden Room CC

Tuesday 16

Prayer for Persecuted Christians 9.30am @ 39 Cleeve Hill

Tuesday 16

Bereavement Support Group 2-4pm @ Garden Room CC

Wednesday 17

Messy Church 4.30 - 6.30pm @ Parish Hall

Thursday 18

Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7.30pm @ CC

Thursday 25

Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7.30pm @ CC

Sunday 28

Spirit Space 6.30pm @ CC

Wednesday 31

Trunk or Treat 5.30-6.45pm @ Parish Hall Car Park