

Christ Church Monthly News

...what's on and when, how to join in and what to pray for...



Worship & Prayer

Sunday morning services:

9.15am: Morning Worship at Quakers Road

10.30am: Morning Worship with Children's groups at Christ Church

July's teaching series is focussed on the person and work of the Holy Spirit

Sunday evening services:

2nd July: Being Transformed by the Holy Spirit

9th July: Being Emboldened by the Holy Spirit

16th July: Celtic: The Wind of the Spirit

7th/8th July: 7pm-7pm – OCOD - CCD Mission focus for July is Mission Direct. Details on separate email.

30th July (5th Sunday - scattered Sunday)

We will be prayer walking around Bromley Heath. listening for God's voice; praying a blessing on people and places; praying God's Kingdom would come.

Meet at Quakers Rd for a simple act of worship at 10:30 followed by prayer walking around the area concluding with a short act of commissioning in Quakers Rd Hall. There will be activities for children and families to join in the prayer walk. There will be a very simple, said service of Morning prayer with an extended time of intercessory prayer at Christ Church at 10:30 for those with mobility issues.

Coming up...

During August, the 10:30 worship will practice being a family with some intergenerational worship, all in together. Sung worship and bible story followed by time in one of 3 zones - active, creative or reflective. Based on people Jesus met on his journeys. Come and encounter Jesus and other members of the church.



Discipleship

Contact Anita

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New to Christ Church? Join us at our Newcomers Welcome Lunch on 16th July 12.30pm. Speak to Alison Rowe for more information or email alison.rowe@christchurchdownend.com

Reflections Group

Tues 4 July 7.45 - 9pm in the Youth Hub at the Parish Hall. *Time with God for busy people. Led meditation to refresh the soul.*

Save the date...

Parish Weekend Away at Lee Abbey

27th-29th September 2024.

Bookings open in September 2023.



Opportunities to Serve


Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to support us in the following areas:

Children's teams - for Sundays, Messy Church (cooking and kitchen help, general support, admin etc)

Schools ministry - (prayer spaces in schools, Open the Book assemblies etc)

Worship:

We would love more tech people, singers and musicians to join our teams. If you would like to come and have a go or try something out, **please get in touch with Anita, Dan or Paul.**



Young People

Contact Diane

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This month in our **Sunday Youth Group (10-18s)**, there will be Scripture, Story, Summer, and Super Serving Sundays. At **Elev8 (10s-18s) 6.30-8pm**, our weekly Wednesday group, we will be completing our Encountering Jesus series and moving into Elev8 in the Park for the summer. At **Ignite Thursdays (10-13s) 6.30-7.45pm** and **Ignite+ (13-16s) 8-9.15pm**, our full-on fun packed outreach groups continue until the term ends.

Prayer:

Please give thanks for a very special, Holy Spirit filled, Youth Weekend away

Please give thanks for the strong relationship building with God and each other in youth ministry

Please give thanks for seeing more young people from Ignite, coming along to Elev8

Please pray into the planning and preparation for the Youth Mission Trip to India

Please pray for the Youth Team – that they enjoy Sabbath rest over the Summer

Coming Up...

- **Sunday 3rd July:** Youth/Families/Team BBQ and Games
- **Thursday 20th July:** Ignite Summer Youth BBQ
- **Sunday 30th July:** Super Serving Sunday



Children & Families

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Sunday 16th July There will be a Butterfly count in the churchyard in our Connected session, following on from our bug count. This is part of a wildlife survey for ECO church.

Thank you to all our **Messy Church** team and to all who came to events this year. We have had a great year of mess, fun and worship. We are taking a break over the Summer – more news in the Autumn.

Prayer points:

Please pray for the children and parents as they come to the end of the school year and enter the summer holidays.

Please prayerfully consider if you feel called to join the children's team to help lead and support our children.

Please contact Harriet if you feel led to do so.

Coming Up...

Please note there is no Messy Church in July or August.

In the summer there will be All Age services rather than children's groups. Details to follow next month.



Mission

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Coming Up...

25th July: Vintage Adventure 2pm, Quakers Road Church Centre

22nd August: Vintage Adventure Holiday at Home - a day of activities, friendship and faith for seniors including those from local care homes.

Mission Sunday 9th July with focus on Mission Direct and Kumi



Pastoral

Contact Philip

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Listening - Caring - Praying - Encouraging - Communion at home

Should you require further support for yourself or others, please contact Philip Rowe – carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com or call the Parish Office - 0117 9089867