

# 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:** Christ Church. Sermon series - Practices for developing a faith sharing culture

### Sunday evening services:

**10th September:** 6.30pm Prayer Meeting at Quakers Road - praying for the QR area + School Chaplaincy

**17th September:** 6.30pm Celtic Service, Christ Church

**1st/2nd September** and **6th/7th October:** 7pm-7pm – OCOD



## Discipleship

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Life Groups which have had a break over the summer will be starting again in September. Would you like to find out more about our Life Groups? These small groups of 8- 12 people meet in homes on a regular basis to study the Bible and pray, with the aim of helping each other be more like Jesus in our everyday lives.

We are in the process of making our "500 words for Lent" reflections into a book which we hope will be on sale towards Christmas: perfect for presents! Watch this space for information on how to pre-order a copy.

Join us for Women's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 2nd Sept, 9am-12pm at Christ Church.

### Prayer points:

**Pray** for the Life Groups, especially the leaders who facilitate groups and encourage their members.

**Pray** for our Eco committee who are now officially recognised by the PCC, for guidance and new members who have a passion for God's creation.

**Pray** for all who are new to Christ Church, that they may settle in well and flourish in their faith. Pray for the next newcomers meal on 24 Sept.



## Opportunities to Serve

**CAP Befriender** - Although this doesn't happen often, it would be wonderful to have a small group of volunteers who are interested in supporting families in our local community as and when the need arises. If you would like more information about this then please speak to Rosie or email: [rosiebrydon@capuk.org](mailto:rosiebrydon@capuk.org)

**CCI Governor needed** - Please contact Jenny Sheppard - [jennysheppard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennysheppard@hotmail.co.uk) to find out more details.

**Tea & Toast Volunteers required** - Come and help support our new venture "Tea and Toast" on Tuesdays 3.15-4.30pm in the Parish Hall, a drop in time for primary school families. Regular or occasional support welcome. Roles include refreshments/set up/clear up/chatting to the families. Contact Anita/Harriet for more information.

# Young People

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We give thanks for the fruitfulness in the youth group's mid-week meetings, and the team planning, that continued throughout August. Give thanks for the successful Team India 2023 fundraising events, both the First Aid Course and the Music Train Concert, which were well attended and raised over £1,100.

## **Prayer points:**

**Give thanks** for a fruitful summer: the midweek youth meetings at Page Park, the autumn programme planning, and for the successful Team India 2023 fundraising events, both the First Aid Course and the Music Train Concert, which were well attended and raised over £1,100

**Please pray** for the Ignite and Ignite+ groups which start back on the 7th, and for the Sunday group, that the young people will be blessed as we look at how connecting with God leads to a full life.

**Give thanks** for the opportunities of relationship building: Ruth Iles inviting Wednesday Elev8 to her home on the 20th, Sheila Robbins sharing something of her testimony in Story Sunday on the 24th, and the youth families/team lunch on the 1st October.

# Children & Families

**Contact Harriet**  
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Children's Sunday groups will re-start as normal on 3rd September.

**Children's team commissioning** - all helpers/leaders/volunteers are invited to be at the service on 3rd September.

## **Please pray:**

**For all children**, parents and teachers to settle well into the new school year.

**To consider** whether God is calling you to join our Sunday morning children's team.



# Mission

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## **Coming Up....**

**Thursday 7th September** - Warm Space Cafe returns. Our first Dementia friendly cafe starts on 21st September.

**Saturday 16th September** - Quiz Night, 7.30pm at Christ Church. Adults £5, U18 £2.

**Tuesday 19th September** - Prayer meal for those interested in being involved in outreach for schools. Please contact Ali Rowe - [alison.rowe@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:alison.rowe@christchurchdownend.com)

**Saturday 23rd September** - Bean meal. Raising funds for Kumi. Tickets £5 from Jan Bacon.

**Wednesday 4th October** - Music Train, 7pm - 9pm. Raising funds for Team India. Adults £10 (£15 for 2), U18 £2. Tickets available from the Parish Office.

# Pastoral

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If you know of a pastoral need please contact [carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com) or phone the Parish Office - 0117 9089867. We offer listening, praying, caring, encouraging and Holy Communion at home in the name of Jesus Christ. We are here to support.