

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

29th October: Short service at 10.30am followed by acts of blessing the community

12th November: No in-person service. We encourage everyone to attend the Act of Remembrance at Page Park. 10am at Page Road for the parade or 10.45am at the war memorial at Page Park.

26th November: CAP Sunday

Sunday evening services:

12th November: 6.30pm Remembering with Thanksgiving service

19th November: 6.30pm Prayer meeting at QR. Praying for the QR area and school chaplaincy. All welcome.

3rd/4th November: OCOD 24 hour prayer

For our next One Church One Day prayer time on 3/4th November there will be an opportunity to take part in-person in the church. Please see details below.

Friday 3rd November: 7.00 pm - We will begin with Prayer and Praise on Zoom as usual.

Prayer stations will be set up in the church for you to come and pray in the building between 8pm and 10pm, and on Saturday 4th Nov from 7am to 7pm. Overnight, the church will be closed and prayer can take place at home.

We will end with further prayer and praise together in-person at 6pm to 7pm in the church.

Hour-long slots can be booked in the usual way for both in-person and home prayer.

3rd December: 4pm Christingle Service



Discipleship

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Life Groups are our Lifeblood at Christ Church

Our Life Group leaders met recently to pray for each other and for all our small group members. We discussed the need to grow new leadership and to multiply our groups so that new people can join. Give thanks for the encouraging growth we see. Do get in touch if you would like to join a group.

Book out in time for Christmas!

Our book, 40 daily reflections compiled from the 500 words for Lent series, will be ready to purchase soon, and delivered in time for Christmas. The book, titled, "God's story, Our story" contains Reflections and Bible readings in a variety of styles from different members of our congregation, with accompanying photographs from Chris Dobson. If you would like to order copies, they will be £7. Perfect for presents! To order, please sign up on the list at church, or email anita.dobson@christchurchdownend.com or text Anita 07753233950

Fruitfulness on the Frontline Course

If you're wondering how God can use you in your daily life, or you struggle to see the relevance of your work to your faith, or you long to be more effective in being a follower of Jesus where you are, this course is for you.

If you are new to Christ Church and want to meet others and explore going deeper with God, or you would like to join a small group, this course is for you. Come to an introductory session on Wed 8th November 7.30pm -9pm to investigate. Venue: 25 Ducie Road Staple Hill BS16 5JZ.

Mission

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Coming Up....

Wednesday 1st November - Mothers Union meeting, 2.15pm Parish Hall
Thursday 19th November - CAP Christmas hamper appeal launch
Wednesday 22nd November - Downend Camera Club Exhibition in the Church
Thursday 23rd November - Dementia Friendly Cafe (Warm Space Cafe), 11am - 2pm
Sunday 26th November - CAP focus Sunday
Tuesday 28th November - Vintage Adventure at Quakers Road. Pre Advent Christingle with children from Wrigglypeeps Pre School, 1.45pm - 3pm
Sunday 12th November - Remembrance/Thanksgiving Service, 6.30pm
CAP Christmas Hampers - More details to follow
Alpha Course - coming soon in the new year

Young People

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Thursday Ignite and Ignite+ outreach groups running throughout November
Wednesday Elev8 Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Course running throughout November

Coming Up...

Sunday Youth: 12th November: Remembrance Sunday at Page Park, meeting 10am at Page Road by the car park
Sunday 26th November: Serving Sunday Breakfast Service at Quakers Road 8.30am for 9.15am. Other Sundays are Scripture Sundays
Friday 24th November: 6.30pm. Music Train Concert in aid of Team India 2023 and Music Train. Tickets available from the Parish Hall Office. Adult £10, 2 Adults £15, U18 £2.

Prayer points:

Giving thanks for a beautiful Serving Sunday, sowing seeds in the wildflower meadow, siting a hedgehog home and building a stag beetle hotel near Lincombe Barn with SGC, for James joining Ignite to build a bird box with the youth for the church yard, for the 1,000 daffodil bulbs donated by Downend in Bloom and for those who planted them, for Grace Parfitt joining the Youth Team and for the Co-op making Christ Church Youth one of their Community Funds for 2024/25. For more details of the programmes, go to the youth website: www.igniteyouth-christchurchdownend.co.uk/ignite-

Children & Families

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Coming Up...

Tuesday 31st October

All welcome to trail and treat - all the fun without the fear!
Let Harriet know if you are coming or if you would like to help.

Opportunities to Serve



Sound Team Volunteers - We are looking to recruit some more sound team volunteers. Training will be provided. Please speak to Dan or Paul if you feel God's lead.

CCI Governor needed - Please contact Jenny Sheppard - jennypsheppard@hotmail.co.uk to find out more details

Pastoral

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If you know of a pastoral need please contact carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com or phone the Parish Office on 0117 9089867. We are volunteers from Christ Church offering care, spiritual support, a listening ear, praying, encouraging and Holy Communion at home. We are here to support. Please contact us. Philip Rowe.