


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: Quakers Road

10.30am: Christ Church

There will be no Thursday communion or Warm Space Cafe on Thursday 28th December. We will return to normal services on 31st December.

1st/2nd December - OCOD -24 hours of prayer - 7pm Friday 1st December to 7pm Saturday 2nd December. Beginning with prayer and praise on zoom as usual. Hour-long slots can be booked in the usual way.

More info and the link on the website:

www.christchurchdownend.com

Special Services for December:

3rd December: Christingle, 4pm at CC

10th December: Cafe Church Christmas, 4pm,
Church Centre

All are welcome to our Christmas services!

Please encourage family/friends and the wider community to come along and experience our Christmas celebrations.



Christmas Week
at Christ Church Downend

Sunday 17th December
6.30pm **Carols by Candlelight** with mulled wine and mince pies

Wednesday 20th December
10am **Messy Christmas** family fun with craft, singing and dressing up!

Sunday 24th December
4pm **Crib Service** retelling the Christmas story
11pm **Midnight Communion**

Monday 25th December
10.30am **All-age Christmas Celebration Service**

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Mission

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Here at Christ Church we're committed to partnering in mission with a number of individuals and agencies across the world. This is expressed through the sharing of a tithe on all of our donated income, in prayer, through mission trips and mutual learning, and through the regular mission focus in our Sunday services.

At this week's PCC meeting it was agreed that we support the following for 2024-26:

CAP Bristol North East Centre – 20% of tithe

Mission Direct Kumi – 13% of tithe

Open Doors – 13% of tithe

Ben and Katy Ray working with SAFi through CMS – 13% of tithe

Pastor Misa Hiorescu in Moldova through TEN – 13% of tithe

Haven Home India – 13% of tithe

Iona Clark – Circuit Riders Europe – 13% of tithe

Deanery Uganda link – 2% of tithe

We're really grateful to members of the Christ Church family who have nominated these organisations or individuals and are willing to act as Mission Champions for the next 3 years.

Coming Up...

Alpha Course - Starting Monday 22nd January at 7.45pm in the Youth Hub. Do invite family & friends you think may be interested.

Coming Up....

Mothers Union Advent Lunch - Wednesday 6th December, 12.15pm at the Parish Hall. Tickets £21, contact Margaret 07783096279

CAP Christmas Hampers - If you would be willing to help sort food for the hampers on Monday 18th or to deliver a hamper for one of our CAP clients on 19th December, contact Rosie (rosiebrydon@capuk.org). Any donations for hampers can be brought to the church on Sunday 10th or between 9.00-10.00am on Monday 18th December.

Please pray... For Team India who will be away from 14th -30th December.



Discipleship

Contact Anita

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Our book from your Lent Reflections is being printed and will be available to buy from next Sunday.

See Anita if you haven't yet ordered a copy, or buy one on the day. £7 a copy.



Young People

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Wednesday Elev8 Group: 29th November, decorating the Church Christmas Tree. Our thanks again to Peter and Simon Maughan of Frenchay Christmas Tree Farm for donating a beautiful tree. We will complete the Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Course and close with a Christmas Party on 13th December

Thursday Ignite Youth Groups: The last session will be on 7th December with a Christmas Celebration

Sunday Youth have Serving Sunday on 17th December where all Young People will be invited to help in Children's Ministry

Youth Mission Trip - Team India will be heading off to India on 14th and returning on 30th December

Co-op has kindly chosen our Ignite Youth Group as one of their Community Funds for 2023/2024. If you would like to support the Youth Ministry here at CCD, please become a Co-op member and click on the link provided. It will not cost you a penny, but will help the youth ministry to continue to be self-funded. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/80134>

Thank you for your prayers.



Children & Families

Contact Harriet

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There are no children's groups on the mornings of Sunday 3rd December or Sunday 24th December as we have the Christingle and Crib service those afternoons, which we hope you will be able to join us for.

Prayer Spaces - over the last term we have done prayer space days in Christ Church Infants, Christ Church Juniors, Bromley Heath Infants and Bromley Heath Juniors. Praise God for this amazing opportunity to reach out to our local schools and work with so many children. A big thank you to the team!



Opportunities to Serve

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

New musicians required - We are seeking to recruit some new musicians! Particularly keyboard/piano players. Please speak to Anita.

CCI Governor - A huge thank you to Belinda Stowe who has stepped in to become Governor at CCI. Please be praying for her in this new role.



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.