

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

Evening services:

18th Feb - Celtic, 6.30pm

14th Feb - Ash Wednesday service with ashing, 7.30pm

Coming up...

2nd/3rd February - OCOD -24 hours of prayer -7pm Friday 2nd February - 7pm Saturday 3rd February

Theme: "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace that I give is a gift that the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27

Mission Focus: Christians Against Poverty CAP

Please do join us. Visit the website for more information: www.christchurchdownend.com

11th Feb - Open Doors Mission Sunday. Ron Cross will be our visiting speaker at both services

We will start a new series in the run up to Easter, looking at the Cross.

Easter Choir!

Following the success of our Christmas choir we will be holding an evening of Easter music and readings on Easter Saturday 30th March. Save the date and plan to invite friends and relatives. If you would like to be involved in the choir or in another capacity, please get in touch with Kunnagh or Anita or sign the list in church. We would love to have you!



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Alpha update

We had a good start to the Alpha course this week with 13 guests attending. Several others were unable to make it due to illness. Still time to book in - just turn up on Monday evening at 7.45 in the Youth Hub. Do also please sign up on the list at the back of Christ Church if you can help with catering.

Parish Weekend at Lee Abbey

You couldn't wish for a more scenic location for this year's parish weekend away. Lee Abbey sits on the spectacular North Devon Coast in Exmoor National Park and will host us from 27th-29th September. The weekend will include plenty of worship, teaching, fellowship and times of relaxation for all ages. 70 people already booked. Full programme of activities for children and young people. Pick up a leaflet this weekend or visit the website for more information.

Bursaries are available for anyone struggling with costs. Speak to Paul, Anita or Dan for more information.

Coming up...

4th Feb - Newcomers Lunch, 12.30pm at 81 Cleeve Hill

7th Feb - Team India feedback evening, 7pm in the Church

11th Feb - Open Doors Mission Sunday. Ron Cross will be our visiting speaker at both services.

24th Feb - Lent Lunch, raising funds for Kumi. Tickets £5 available from Jan Bacon or Deb Pastwa.



Discipleship

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Rhythm of Life

We are beginning a new venture here at Christ Church this year to support each other in forming good spiritual habits. It's called Rhythm of Life. Aim: knowing God better. We will be encouraged to take up a different spiritual practice together each 2 month period. Think of it as a spiritual workout- suitable for your spiritual fitness level and circumstances! We will start in Lent with our first spiritual habit: Confession, and our first practice: the prayer of examen. Take or download a leaflet, sign up to confirm you're taking part, and follow the instructions on how to do a prayer of examen.

Women's Retreat Day at Mill House, near Tiverton, Devon Sat 1 June

Join us for a wonderful day of learning, stillness and refreshment. Cost £35 but bursaries available. We will travel in shared cars. If you would like to book a place, contact Anita or sign up at church. Details of how to pay to follow.



Young People

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Sunday Youth: Phillip Rowe will be joining us for Story Sunday on 11/2. The young people will be leading 9:15am Quakers Road Breakfast Service on 25/2, and we will be exploring Jesus' Parables on other Scripture Sundays.


Wednesday Elev8: Team India will be sharing stories from their Christmas Mission Trip 7-8pm on the 7th in the church. Everyone welcome. After half term we begin our journey to the cross and beyond!

Thursday Ignite Outreach Youth Groups: Coming up.....Pancake night, Air Hockey Tournament and a couple of appearances from our giant Bouncy Castle!

Please pray for all the above, giving thanks for the steady growth of both Thursday night outreach groups.

Please visit the Youth Hub, see our new 2023 photo boards and give thanks for another year of blessings and fruitfulness.. As we plan for the Noise! another bank holiday weekend (May 4th-6th) of showing God's love in practical ways to our local community, please pray into whether you are free to be involved. Speak to Diane or Gary.

The young people will soon be loading up vans heading for the Ukraine. If you are able to donate aid, a full list of items needed can be found in the youth hub which includes: canned and dried foods, torches, sleeping bags, first aid, personal hygiene products and mobility aids



Children & Families

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Pancake Party

Sat 17th February at Christ Church 10-11.30 A morning of activities, crafts and games, worship and refreshments for families. Do join us, pray for us, let us know if you would like to be involved in some way.



Opportunities to Serve

Jigsaw Volunteer required - Jigsaw is our lovely toddler group with a Christian flavour which runs on Friday mornings. We would love to have a church member to join the team and continue the Christian emphasis of the group. If you would like to find out more, speak to Harriet or Anita.



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.