

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:

17th March - Celtic, 6.30pm

Coming up...

Friday 1st - Saturday 2nd March:

OCOD - 24hrs of prayer

Theme - Mark 1:12:

The spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness

Mission focus - Open Doors

Join us on this zoom link 7pm Friday 1st March:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82670522846>

25th - 29th March:

Compline prayer

Monday - Friday during Holy week

9pm, Garden room for 20 minutes

Maundy Thursday:

Passover meal for all the family

Maundy Thursday evening

(6:30pm in church with lamb stew)

Please sign up to help with catering

5th - 6th April

OCOD - 24hrs of prayer

Easter Lillies

If you would like to donate towards the cost of decorating the Church for Easter then please sign up on the lists at the back of both Church and the Church Centre or email: maggienichols092@gmail.com. The lilies will cost £5 each and these can be donated in memory of a loved one or special event you are celebrating.



Mission

Contact Paul

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Parish Weekend at Lee Abbey - 27th - 29th September 2024

Lee Abbey sits on the spectacular North Devon Coast in Exmoor National Park

The weekend will include plenty of worship, teaching, fellowship and times of relaxation for all ages.

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...

1st March - World Day of Prayer service, 2.30pm Salvation Army, Staple Hill

9th March - Alpha Away Day at St Michael's Stoke Gifford

26th March - Vintage Adventure at Church Centre, Quakers Road

19th May - Newcomers Lunch, 12.30pm at 81 Cleeve Hill



Learning to Live the Life
CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

Join us for Easter at
Christ Church

Easter Celebration Concert
A journey through Easter in word and song
Saturday March 30th at 7pm at Christ Church
Come, rest, hear the story. A free event with refreshments.

At the Foot of the Cross
Reflective service with traditional hymns
Good Friday March 29th at 2pm at Christ Church

Easter All Age Communion
Celebration Service with coffee
Easter Sunday March 31st at 10.30am at Christ Church



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VINTAGE
Adventure

4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
2PM - 3.30PM
AT:
CHURCH CENTRE
QUAKERS ROAD
BS16 6NH

'A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR OLDER PEOPLE'

Activities, crafts, refreshments, friendship
& thought for the day for seniors and carers

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Discipleship

Contact Anita
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Rhythm of Life

We hope you are starting to get into a rhythm of using the prayer of examen as a way of practising the discipline of confession - and so much more. If you haven't signed up yet or caught on to our year's challenge to get spiritually fitter.

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

A beautiful day of refreshment, inspiration and rest. Sign up or contact Anita. Cost £35 but speak to Anita if you would like to go but cost would be an issue.

Easter Concert: A Journey Through Easter in Word and Music: Sat 30 March 7pm

Invite friends and family to this creative evening of music and drama telling the story of Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection in imaginative ways: it would be a great way to spark conversation about who Jesus was and is and why he died. Free event. Flyers available to use as invitations. Still time to join the choir and get in touch if you would like to be involved in reading, welcoming, catering.

Young People

Contact Diane
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Give thanks for the divine timing in our recent contact with Downend School. The morning following our Team India feedback evening, we were about to email the school to offer a wellbeing course, when an email pinged up from the school requesting a wellbeing course! A testament to God's perfect timing.

Please pray for the Elev8 Wednesday Youth Group as we journey with Jesus to the cross and beyond throughout March. May our young people find deep spiritual enrichment during these sessions.

As we witness an increase in attendance at our Ignite and Ignite+ outreach youth groups on Thursdays, let's offer our thanks for this growth and pray for each young person to nurture their personal relationship with God.

Coming Up:

We're excited to host an Easter celebration on March 28th as the term draws to a close.

For further Youth updates please see the website: <http://christchurchdownend.com/youth-update/>

Children & Families

Contact Harriet
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Experience Easter Outside

We will be hosting many of our local primary schools during the week of 18th March for this special time of exploring the Easter story.

This year, the trail will also be available on Saturday 23rd March 10-12 for anyone who would like to come along and enjoy a self-guided journey of Experience Easter.

Please pray for all the children who will be hearing about and experiencing the Easter story, that they may really experience something of God's love for them.

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

Contact Philip
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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.



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CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

Free!

MESSY

Easter

Easter craft, activities, singing, refreshments

10 -11.30am
Good Friday 29th March
at Christ Church Downend

OR

10 -11.30am
Saturday 30th March
at Church Centre, Quakers Rd