

# Christ Church Monthly News

...what's on and when, how to join in and what to pray for...

March  
2025

## Worship & Prayer

### Coming Up...

One Man  
One Chair  
One Incredible  
True Story

Join Biblical storyteller and actor Stefan Smart as he draws a uniquely intimate and provocative portrait of the Son of God and breathes new life into the Greatest Story Ever Told.

Friday 7th March  
7.30pm  
FREE - book here  
Christ Church Downend

*'Sometimes it takes a living voice, like this one, to make you hear the Bible for the first time.'*  
Archbishop Rowan Williams

A daring new staging of Mark's Gospel  
By Stefan Smart



**Saturday 1st March:** Electoral Roll re registering begins

**Wednesday 5th March:** Ash Wednesday service, 7.30pm

**Friday 7th March:** I am Mark event, 7.30pm (pre book)

**Sunday 9th March:** Gift Day

**Sunday 16th March:** Celtic Service 6.30pm

**Sunday 23rd March:** Bring & Share lunch with board games

**Tuesday 25th March:** Vintage Adventure, 1.45pm, QR  
with Wriggly Peeps pre school

# Gift Day

## Sunday 9th March

Click [here](#) to read more about how you can give to Growing Younger - 'Investing in the next generation'



*Join us for our*

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# CELTIC SERVICE

## SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

6.30PM

CHRIST CHURCH

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Traditional meditative worship

*Do you have a pastoral need?*

Care - Spiritual Support - Prayer

[philip.rowe@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:philip.rowe@christchurchdownend.com)

0117 9089867

## Marker points on the journey

We are looking to run a series of sessions for people interested in being baptised or confirmed in the near future. This will take place on Wednesday 21st May, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Kingswood

If you are interested in exploring what this might involve please speak to Paul or Dan.

## Opportunities to Serve



  
CHURCH WITH  
SCHOOLS  
FOR FAMILIES  
IN DOWNEND

FREE TRAINING FOR  
SCHOOL AND CHURCH  
STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

**BRISTOL  
SCHOOLS  
CONNECTION**

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH: 3.45 - 6.00 PM  
**3.45pm - 5.00pm**  
Children's spirituality - what it is and how to spot it  
**5.00pm - 6.00pm**  
Prayer and Reflective Spaces in Schools  
Tea and coffee and biscuits available throughout the session

  
Learning  
to Live the  
Life  
CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

AT CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND  
LED BY JANE GILLIS AND JULIE GARDNER  
EMAIL TO BOOK:  
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Can you help?

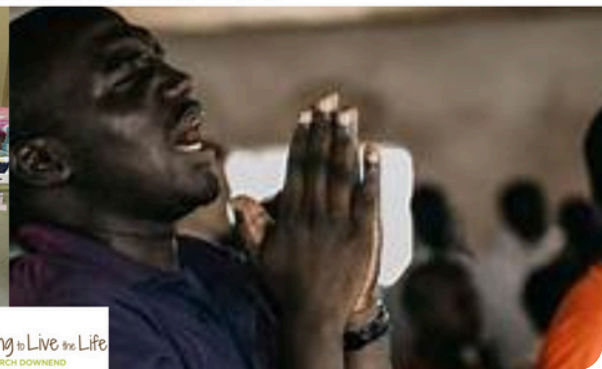


## MISSION CHAMPIONS NEEDED

We're very grateful to the people who act as our Mission Champions helping to profile the great work of organisations that Christ Church supports.

At present we are seeking a new Mission Champion for Open Doors (supporting persecuted Christians across the world) as Ann Travers has had to step back on health grounds; and someone to help Luke Paddon promote the work of the Haven Home Orphanage in India.

Please contact Paul if you want to know more.




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11 MARCH 1.30 - 3PM  
@ THE YOUTH HUB

### Coffee, Support & Prayer

For parents/ grandparents of children with additional needs/ concerns.  
Everyone welcome.



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CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

## NEWCOMERS

*lunch*

You are invited to come and get to know us a little better - and we can get to know you too!

*Sunday 16th March at 12.30*

RSVP to Ali  
81 Cleeve Hill, Downend BS166EU  
[alison.rowe@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:alison.rowe@christchurchdownend.com)




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## Warm Spaces Cafe

**Thursdays 11am - 1.30pm**  
**Lunch served from midday**

A warm welcome throughout the year!

**Dementia Friendly Café**  
**every third Thursday of the month**  
**games - light lunch - space for carers**

**NEW!**  
**Hot meals now provided on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday's**  
**Starting on 6th February**

# Mission Partner Prayer Requests

Click [here](#) to read how you can pray for our Mission Partners this month

A colorful poster for a 'Vintage Adventure' event. The background features a large rainbow arching over a silhouette of a forest. The text is centered and includes the event name, date, time, location, and a website URL. A small logo for 'Learning to Live the Life' is in the top left corner.

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**VINTAGE**  
*Adventure*

**TUESDAY 25TH MARCH**  
**1.45PM – 3.30PM**

**CHURCH CENTRE**  
**QUAKERS ROAD**  
**BS16 6NH**

Come and celebrate Mothers Day with the pre schoolers  
from Wiggly Peeps

*'A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR OLDER PEOPLE'*

[www.christchurchdownend.com](http://www.christchurchdownend.com)

A poster for 'Easter in a Box' events. The background is light green with a floral and Easter egg theme. The text is centered and lists dates and locations for practical activities and singing. A small logo for 'Learning to Live the Life' is in the top right corner.

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**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR**  
**EASTER IN A BOX**

**PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES AND SINGING**

**FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND 3PM – GWENDOLINE HOUSE  
WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2PM – EDGECOMBE LODGE  
FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 11AM – CLEEVE LODGE  
FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 2PM – WOODLANDS COURT  
MONDAY 14TH APRIL 11AM – WHITE LODGE  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH 2PM – AVONMERE

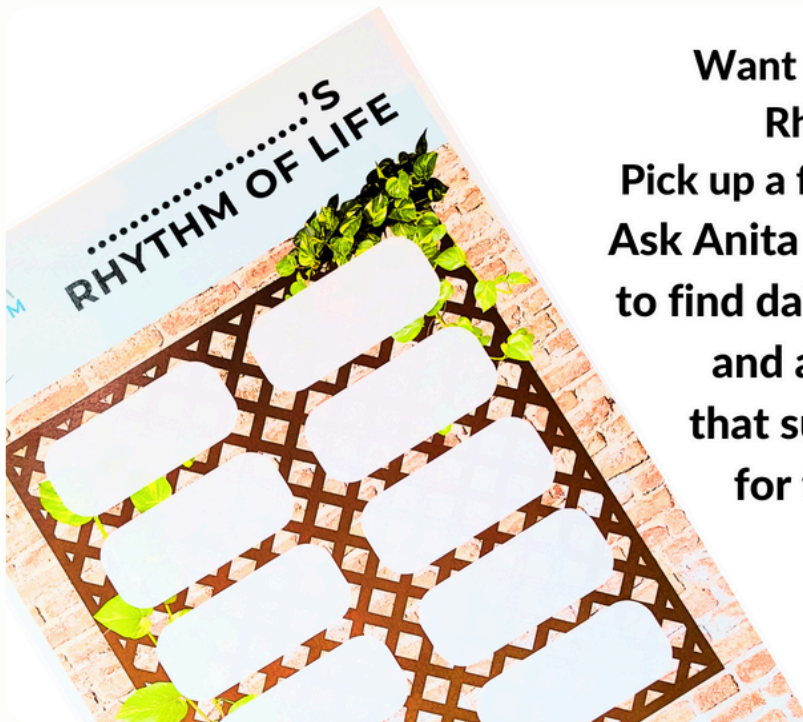
Contact Anne-Louise if you can help: [malcritch@gmail.com](mailto:malcritch@gmail.com)



# Discipleship

Contact Anita

anita.dobson@christchurchdownend.com



Want to craft your own  
Rhythm of Life?

Pick up a framework at church.  
Ask Anita for details / support  
to find daily, weekly, monthly  
and annual rhythms  
that sustain your faith  
for the long term.



# Children & Families

Contact Harriet

harriet.jolly@christchurchdownend.com

## Did you know?

**SEND support** - We have some new resources to support children with additional needs to access church and groups. If you would like to find out more about this, please let Harriet know.

**Registration forms** - if you haven't recently completed an online registration form for you child, or any of your details have changed, please could you complete one? (One for each child)  
You can use this link [Consent Form for Christ Church Downend](#)

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# BUBBLE CHURCH

Sunday 2nd March  
4pm Quakers Road Church Centre

30 minute Church service for little ones every month!  
It's puppet-packed, Jesus-centred and fuelled with food -  
join us for a children's tea afterwards.

Book NOW!

Care for the Family

**Parentalk**  
THE PRIMARY YEARS

Starting  
Mon 28 April 2025  
2pm at youth hub  
at parish hall,  
North St BS16 5SG  
(Look for purple door)

**Parenting Course for parents at Christ Church Infants & Juniors and friends**

**BOOK NOW: PLACES LIMITED**

**FREE**

This 6 week course is for everyone!  
We could all do with some time out to gather new ideas for our parenting toolbox!  
This 5 week course helps you gain more confidence as a parent in a supportive group.

**Ideas & Encouragement  
Time to talk Tools to use**

Topics include Communication  
Love Languages, Boundaries

With **Ali & Anita from Christ Church Downend**

We both have experience running parenting courses/ being parents/ grandparents/ teachers/ working with families. We love helping parents and their children thrive!

To book, email  
anita.dobson@christchurchdownend.com  
or message at 07753233950

# Young People

Contact Paul  
paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com

## Thursday Youth fun:

**Sunday mornings** - continuing in the gospel of Mark

### Thursdays

**6th** - Summer holidays!

**13th** - Dodgeball

**20th** - Cake bake

**27th** - Escape room

Youth Weekend - 4th-6th April at Viney Hill Adventure Centre in the Forest of Dean

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's encouraging to have been able to welcome new members to our youth groups month by month, and as we grow the need for more leaders becomes ever more pressing.

Could you spare a couple of hours on a Thursday evening or on an occasional Sunday morning to help invest in these amazing young people and be alongside them as they explore faith and enjoy all that our youth programme has to offer?

Speak to Paul or Julia if interested.



## **Art Exhibition** **12th March** **6pm - 7.30pm**

Come and view some of Marina's beautiful artwork on display in Church.

Available to purchase in aid of a Ukrainian Charity.

Refreshments available

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