

WEEKLY NEWS

21ST MAY 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
ROGATION SUNDAY



Christ Church Ware
Jesus led, Spirit empowered, Grace based.

9.15 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Morning Worship
Reading: Nehemiah 3: 1-12

4.00 pm - Messy church

If this is your first time with us, please do make yourself known to us after the service and stay for refreshments following our service as it gives us a chance to get to know you a little better.

If there is anyone who wants to begin or renew their relationship with Jesus, please do see one of the staff or the prayer ministry team.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Messy Church will meet this Sunday, 21st May, from 4-6pm. If you are able to make us a cake we would be very grateful, these can be left in the church centre on Sunday.

Leaflet Deliverers needed! Flyers for the LWLW event on 27th May are available at the back of church if you could drop them through the named streets. Many thanks.

Ascension Day, 25th May. Ascension Day spoken communion service, 12 noon with Norman Richards. All welcome

Advance notice - week of prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come' with an emphasis on evangelism. From 9pm on Sunday 28th May to 9am on Sunday 4th June (Pentecost Sunday). Focus verse: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Would you like to be involved? Do you have any creative ideas for a prayer station? Please contact Caz (Caroline@christchurchware.co.uk)
Come and experience God's presence, enter into a space filled with his Holy Spirit. Comments from previous weeks include: 'The hour flew by, I wish I'd booked longer.' 'I booked some time overnight and I didn't realise I could feel so alive, so awake and feel so on fire for God during the night.' 'The presence of God was tangible in the room.' Do you want to book in now? Bookings can be made now on the website by following the link below:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/emailredirect/2be9bd7a3434f7038ca27d1918de58bd/>

Rediscovering the Heart of Business: the next workshop, exploring the role of business in tackling poverty and fuelling economic development, is on Tuesday 23rd May at All Nations Christian College. It doesn't matter if you missed earlier meetings. Please see the flyer or contact Peter Hanney on 07968 990496 for details.

Love Ware Live Ware 27th May – Lower Bourne Gardens

New Wine Bookings : We know that we have 98 people coming to New Wine summer conference this year, if you are one of these could you please let Martin know as soon as possible. manager@christchurchware.co.uk, 01920318166. Thanks

Building started in the Memorial Hall, (2 May) and will last approximately 12 weeks. During this time the Memorial Hall is out of bounds and car parking during the week will be limited. Please consider walking to church events where possible.

Accommodation needed: Richard and Louisa Evans, who are both course tutors at All Nations and their 3 children are looking for affordable 3 bed accommodation to rent within 10 miles of All Nations. If anyone is able to help could you contact them via the church office. Thank you

FOR the Next few weeks Crèche will be in the Main Hall and Xtreme will be in the school in the IT suite.

Christ Church School would like volunteers to listen to children read. If you would be willing to help with this task, please would you contact Lucy Croft directly on CroftL@christchurch.herts.sch.uk

Volunteer needed! There is a small area of painting that needs to be done at Church. Rub down, prepare and paint. If you could offer to do this please let Martin know.

New Wine Team places available.

Team places are available to help in the Hungry venue this Summer for both New Wine weeks. If you're interested please do contact John Via the office.

Hungry has developed a strong reputation as a venue offering space and time for extended worship, intercession, prayer ministry and robust theological engagement. It's smaller than the Arena which gives it a more family/community feel. This year, we've got some great speakers coming over the course of two weeks including Simon Ponsonby, Miriam Swaffield, Rachel Gardner, Nicola Neal, Alan Scott, Karl Martin and John-Mark Comer.

There is a team of 41 for each week, which includes four distinct teams within it: a venue and tech team, welcome and prayer ministry team, worship team and some team leaders. The nature of the venue means the work is not particularly onerous or physical... it's fun and a really lovely way to serve whilst still getting to receive.

Team members get a free place, free meals and are expected to work 8 hours over the course of each day (not including the day off). They would be expected to arrive a day earlier than the delegates if serving in Week 1 to help get the venue set up. They would need to bring their own tent or caravan

God's work at Christ Church is funded entirely by our Church family. We encourage planned giving and do not "pass a plate". If you would like to make a gift to our ministry, please leave it in the boxes at the rear of the church. –envelopes are available for Gift Aid purposes. If you would like more information about giving to the work here, please see the leaflet available on the Welcome Desk.

DO YOU NEED HELP? A new booklet giving details of local services and national support groups is now available at the back of church.

Toddlers continues to be a flourishing ministry at Christ Church. It is a place to build relationships, experience Christ's love and welcome, whilst also experiencing home comforts through hospitality. Currently, we are prayerfully looking for volunteers to join our Wed afternoon and our Thursday morning team. If this is something you might like to be part of, then please do get in touch with Caz Rolls on

caroline@christchurchware.co.uk

Following on from *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association invite you to a one day free evangelism seminar on Saturday 3 June 2017 in the Church Centre. The seminar called "Sharing Hope in Crisis" is for anyone and everyone in the church - helping you with what to say, and what not to say to people who are struggling with an issue, including how and when to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ appropriately. Sign up at the back of the church or register online at <https://billygraham.org.uk/rapid-response-team/training> further info from Steve Wade Steve.Wade@bgea.org.uk. Registration and coffee from 9am with the seminar starting at 9.30am until 4.30pm. Lunch can be provided and we suggest a £4 donation.

Development Fund update:

Thanks to all who have filled jars with pennies and donated the contents to the development fund, so far this has raised £40.50. The pennies really do add up so do carry on donating!

Many thanks to Mark and Claire for organising the Champagne Trip which raised £2,800. Everyone enjoyed their fun weekend away.

Forthcoming fundraising suggestions include a musical event in church, a barn dance, and a stall at Ware carnival. Could you be involved in organising one of these? Or a different event? Contact the office if you would like to help and Ann will pass our details on to the Fundraising committee.

St Joseph and Sacred Heart Catholic Church invite you to a Barn Dance with Peter Skiffins. 7.30 pm on 9th June at Wodson Park. Tickets £12.50 each, (includes supper) available from Tony Stavrou 01920 411658 tony.stavrou@ntlworld.com (Cheques made payable to "Ware Catholic Church")

Ron Porter has changed his landline number. Please speak to Ron if you would like his new number.

Children's Church and Bubbles

21st May

Start in church, finish at 12.15

28th May

Start in groups, finish at 12.15

Crèche

Start with parents in church and move to the Church Centre at 11.15

Young People

Years 7-9

Sunday at 11 am

Thursday – 7.30 till 9 pm

Years 10-13

Wednesday 7.30 till 9 pm

For your Prayers:

For the ongoing Building project in the Memorial Hall and for plans for the changes to the church.

Next Week

28th May

9.15 am

Reader : Wendy Tucker

Intercessor: Helen Fordham

Wardens: Lucy Davies and Keith Fairey

Sidespeople: Don and Kathryn Adams

Welcome Desk: Wendy Tucker

Coffee: Vicarage Estate

11.00 am

Reader : Peter Wall

Intercessor: Darran Mustoe

Wardens: Lucy Davies and Graham Quinlan

Sidespeople: Alison Richards and Caroline Tiffen

Welcome Desk :

Coffee: Chadwell

Notices Deadline: Thursday 9.30 am

Magazine deadline Friday 16th June

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If you or someone you know would

benefit from free debt counselling,

please call 0800 328 0006

PA to the Vicar

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