

WEEKLY NEWS

3RD DECEMBER 2017
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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

9.15 am Moring Worship
11.00 am Morning Worship

7.00 Encounter

Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-17

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.

Peace
be with
you

Christmas at Christ Church

Carols by Candlelight - 17th December 6.30pm
Children's Christmas Eve Service - 4.00pm
Christmas Eve Communion Service - 11.00pm
Christmas Day Family Celebration - 10.00am
31st December - Family Service - 10.00am

Christmas Helpers needed!

Christmas Eve 4pm service – 2 welcomers and 3 people to serve refreshments.

Christmas Eve 11pm Service- A warden and 3 welcomers needed.

Christmas Day, 10 am communion - communion servers needed.

Also people needed to switch on church heating over the Christmas holidays. Martin will train you if needed.

If you can help with any of the above, please speak to Martin

Key Dates!

Christmas choir rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm in Church. All are welcome to join us, just come along and have a go.

Men's Christmas Curry Thursday 7th Dec. Cost £20 per person Contact Richard Marlow to book you place. 01920 462412/07734 333745 richard.marlow@tesco.net.

20s and 30s Tuesday 12th December ice skating at Van Hages and pub, 7pm speak to David & Louise Brett for more details.

ENCOUNTER SUNDAY at 1900

The final Encounter of 2017 happens this Sunday. We have been so blessed at these monthly worship events with over 500 people attending – in total, not each time! We are very expectant that God will do His part on Sunday as we worship and wait for Him. Please come join us to give and to receive at this very special time of year.

PRAY PRAY PRAY!!!

Tuesday prayers at 12.30pm weekly.
Monday 10 am prayers on the third Monday of the month at 10 am .

Roger, Chris and David warmly invite you to join us on Tuesday December 12th 2017 at 12:30 for Joanna's funeral and to celebrate and give thanks for her life. There will be refreshments at the Church Centre following the service and we would love to see you there. Please wear something colourful.

Car Drivers needed, Wednesday 13th December To drive Wednesday Welcome members home after their Christmas meeting. If you can help, please speak to Caroline Tiffen.

Fund Raising

Thank you to all of you who voted by depositing your tokens whilst shopping at Tesco's in Ware. I am delighted to say that we got the most votes and therefore are the winners. Thanks to Tesco's and you we will soon receive a grant of £2400 to help with the funding refurbishment of the church centre.

Thanks to everyone who voted for us on the Aviva Community Fund Scheme. We did not win, but we have been awarded £100 towards the church building project.

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.

Bible Challenge. Help

We hope you are enjoying the Bible Challenge.

Please do continue to post your thoughts on Facebook or Twitter using #ccwbiblechallenge or https://www.facebook.com/groups/ccwbi_blechallenge/

Final Week for Early Bird Discount New Wine 2018 Bookings for New Wine next year are open! As a church we are going to be going to Week 1 from Saturday 28th July – Friday 3rd August at the Royal Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet. <https://united.new-wine.org/week1> Super early bird rate closes 3rd December.

Does anyone have a trolley jack in their garage? Mark Hallett would like to borrow two! for one day in the next couple of weeks. Please contact Mark on 07813 272151 if you can help.

Eco-Church – the plastic challenge

Please enter your efforts to reduce our plastic use over the past weeks onto the chart provided (pinned up at the back of church).

Ware Choral Society presents A *Miscellany of Music for Christmas* at 7.30pm on 9th December at Ware Drill Hall. Tickets: £15 unreserved available on the door with complimentary programme

Operation Christmas Child – Update

Thank you so much for the shoeboxes and other gifts for Operation Christmas Child. The first lorry leaves for Liberia on Monday. If anyone wants to visit or volunteer at the processing centre at Harlow, please contact Andrew du Boulay (aduboulay@ntlworld.com). We are open until December 13th. All help welcome. Any late boxes to the back to church please. Many thanks you for your support.

3rd December

Children's Church & Bubbles

Start in church

Crèche

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

Young People

Sunday at 11 am. Start in church.

Years 7-9

Thursday – 7.30 till 9 pm

Years 10-13

Wednesday 7.30 till 9 pm

For your Prayers:

John Harrington for a speedy recovery following a relapse.

For grant applications for the second phase of the church building project.

Chris and Roger Evans and family following their bereavement.

Please can you pray for Claire H who had an operation to remove two tumours this week. Please pray that the operation on Thursday was successful and for wisdom for the medical team in deciding what treatments are required following the op. Please can you also pray for the children during this time.

Next Week

10th Dec

9.15 am

Reader : John Stockwell

Intercessor: David Briggs

Wardens: Lucy Davies and Bob Owen

Sidespeople: Jenny Dixon and Diana Perkins

Welcome Desk: Ann Owen

Coffee: Musley

11.00 am

Reader : Carol Walker

Intercessor:

Wardens: Lucy Davies and Carol Walker

Sidespeople: Dave and Pam Willis

Welcome Desk Brett Sutherland and Meredith Smart

Coffee Chadwell

Notices Deadline: Thursday 9.30 am

Magazine deadline

2nd March 2018

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If you or someone you know would benefit from free debt counselling, please call 0800 328 0006

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