

WEEKLY NEWS

21ST JANUARY 2018

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Christ Church Ware

Jesus led, Spirit empowered, Grace based.

9.15 Holy Communion
11.00 Morning Worship
Reading: Jeremiah 29: 1-14

7.00 SEVEN

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.

PRAY PRAY PRAY!!!

Tuesday prayers at 12.30pm weekly.

Monday 10 am prayers on the third Monday of the month at 10 am

Monday 22nd January 8.00 pm – Joint Service at St Mary's Church

For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We will also be having a time of prayer in this service for the Escape Outreach later this year.

MONDAY LECTURES @ CHRIST CHURCH 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start- Church centre 29th January 2018- What do we really think about God? - Sam Pollard

How do we think about God - particularly the idea of the revelation of Scripture as a drama that we're drawn into with God as the main character? Therefore who He is shapes our lives just as the main character shapes all the supporting actors.

The January MADD meeting will be on Thursday 25th January 2018 at

11.30am at Jacoby's, Ware. Yes a different location for this meeting only. Lunch to celebrate 2018- We will be staying for lunch at Jacoby's, like we did last year. Peter Dane has agreed to arrange the booking. Please speak to Peter before 21st January to **order your lunch.** Also, also - We have a **Mystery Guest for this meeting!** It could be the event of the year! Do not miss it! Remember to note the date and different venue!

Looking for a good night out? **On Friday 26th January,** Jessie Dipper will be performing at the 'Hope and Anchor' in Islington, tickets are £6 off of her (get in touch through email or mobile) and doors open at 7pm. This event will host a wide range of talented musical acts, ranging from acoustic, rock to rhythm and blues to punk and ska.

Ware's Got Talent Auditions Feb 3rd and 4th (at Tower School on both days).

Application is via the form on the website: www.lovewareliveware.org and one of the team will be in touch to arrange a timeslot. There will be over and under 18 categories, and any type of talent is welcomed! If for some reason the website form is a problem for some people then feel free to give out my email address (sam.woodward@gmail.com). Actual Talent event on 17th Feb.

Escape Vision and information evening, taking place on Tuesday 6th February at 8 pm Church Centre.

On Saturday 15th September 2018, Christ Church, in partnership with other churches, is hosting a large evangelistic event for Ware. This event will be known as a festival of hope, and will include hog roasts, local musicians and the popular speaker Carl Beech. The event will require training, prayer and volunteers. Come along on 6th Feb hear about the vision behind the event, and share the ways in which you can get involved. Do come along to be inspired to reach out to the lost, to receive insight into Escape, and to worship and pray for God's Kingdom to come in our local area. Come on, contact Caroline Rolls for further details on caroline@christchurchware.co.uk.

Tuesday 13th February 10-12 Church Centre. Coffee Morning in aid of the development fund. If you can provide a cake, please let Martin know.

THE GREAT BRITISH PLAYDOUGH CHALLENGE and Coffee Morning in the Church Centre, Thursday February 15th 10am-12pm Do come and watch Maggie make playdough. How much can she make in 2 hours? Please sponsor her in aid of the Church Development Fund. Playdough table will be available for you to try it out!

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 2nd March 2pm At The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph. This year's service has been produced by the women of Suriname. All welcome.

Who's wine is it anyway? Saturday 3rd March 2018 Christ church school 7.30- 10.30 pm .A fun wine tasting evening with a difference! Teams of 4-8. No prior experience necessary!! £15 per person including cheese & biscuits and nibbles. In aid of development fund. Tickets from church office 01920 487267 office@christchurchware.co.uk

Dear congregation, Many of our church family have, or are facing life with, cancer. We support them in prayer and practical help. **I am going to do the 5K Race (or walk) for Life in Stevenage on Sunday 8th of July** organised by Cancer Research. I would love for as many of you to join me as possible to show we are united with friends in their situations. You can book in online and please speak to me in church or email me- sara.holland1965@hotmail.co.uk. The more the merrier. Sara Holland

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.

Martin would like to borrow a VHS-C camcorder. If you can help, then please let Martin know

Volunteer needed : CAP are blessed with having lots and lots of clothes which are surplus to requirement. Would you have time to spend sorting them for us to be able know what to keep and what to pass on. The task is probably around a day's work but can be done over several shifts. You just need to be someone who is able to be ruthless in decluttering. Please let Martin know if you can help

Rosie Watson would like to borrow the following:

- 4 chains and padlocks, large enough to wrap a box in.

- A large set of old style balance scales

- An Anchor.

If you can help with any of these, please contact Rosie 01920 466941

We are looking for volunteers to join our Grant Finding Team- could you help us. We need folk to complete applications for grants for the development project. We will give your target organisations and support you in preparing application. You need to be able to use a computer, think a little outside the box and have some time to complete the applications. If you would like to know more, offer to help or have questions please talk to Elaine Gold, Steve Elliott or Martin Dudley.

Cell Groups

We are still in need of youth leaders to help lead at our Wednesday Cell group for 14-18 yr olds. It's an exciting group of 25 young people with games, small group discussion and prayer. Our topic for the term is 'Everyday Supernatural'. - Walking in the power of the Spirit in our everyday lives. Please contact Christian or speak to a youth leader if you are interested.

the Youth weekend Away Feb 23rd – 25th

Sign your young person up asap to secure a place and please consider if you would like to come and help us over weekend. It's our big event of the Spring Term and always a significant time for our young people.

Hertford & Ware Street Pastors. Street Pastors is an amazing ministry, it is the church on the street! Street Pastors care for the vulnerable in the night time economy, primarily an age group that would never set foot in church. Hertford & Ware Street Pastors have been operational for nine years, they are a very enthusiastic and committed to this local mission. It is interesting and challenging work. To continue the work of Street Pastors, there is a need for new Trustees and people to train and serve as Street Pastors. *If you are interested or would like to know more, please speak to Judith Swindell, Peter Dane, Brett Sutherland or Bob Barker, or see the letter displayed at the back of church.*

Children's Church

Jan 21st

Start in church

Crèche

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

Young People

Years 7-9

Sunday at 11 am in centre

Thursday – 7.30 till 9 pm

Years 10-13

Wednesday 7.30 till 9 pm

For your Prayers:

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

for Claire H for ongoing treatment.

Ann Yates undergoing treatment for cancer.

Ann Herron for a further operation on her hip.

January 28th

9.15 am

Reader: Graham Palmer

Intercessor: Julia Taylor

Wardens: Richard Clayden and Keith Fairey

Sidespeople Eva Ilott and Joan Murdoch

Welcome Desk: Mike Tucker

Coffee : Widbury

11.00 am

Reader: Dave Willis

Intercessor: Elaine Trevena

Wardens: Richard Clayden and Carol Walker

Sidespeople: Richard and Heather Clayden

Welcome Desk: Brett Sutherland and Meredith Smart

Coffee: Music

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 2nd March

Contact Information

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Associate Minister:

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Christians Against Poverty

Sam Rich Thurs and Fri 01920 487267 ext 206) 07725 607425
If you or someone you know would benefit from free debt counselling, please call 0800 328 0006

Church officers

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