

WEEKLY NEWS

7TH JANUARY 2018

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Christ Church Ware

Jesus led, Spirit empowered, Grace based.

9.15 Morning Worship

11.00 Morning Worship

Reading: Hosea 1:2-11, Joel 2: 12-14 and (Isaiah 39: 1-8)

7.00 Encounter

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.

POST and LOST PROPERTY. Please check the pigeon holes for Christmas cards etc, and also for the lost property. We have a selection of hats/gloves/scarves etc which have been left in church over the Christmas period. If these have not been claimed by the end of January, they will be donated to a charity shop.

Resolve New Year Course

Resolve is a four week New Year course exploring what it means to enact a positive change in your life. Topics include: looking after your body, strengthening your mind, inspiring your soul, deepening your relationships. It is a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith and how it might be relevant to your life. This will start on Tuesday 9th January, 8pm, in the Church Centre, upper room. Please do contact **Caroline Rolls** for more details on caroline@christchurchware.co.uk

Inter Church Quiz, Saturday 20th January, 7.30pm at St Catherine's School. Cost £10 per person to include Fish and Chip supper (veg option available on request). Bring your own drinks. Tickets from the church office.

A New Year Resolution you may be able keep?

By resolving to take part in the Christ Church Challenge 100/50/25 - CCC 100/50/25. On 16th June 2018 the Christ Church Challenge will be a cycle ride towards the Development Fund. There will be a choice of routes; 100, 50 or 25 miles. The choice is yours, why not aim high! Or long! Information on entry and sponsorship details to follow. For now it is time to note the date and get those pedals turning! From 1st January you have 166 days to prepare!

The flower rota for 2018 is displayed on the notice board at the back of church. We are very grateful to those who serve us all in this way. Please do consider signing up for a Sunday. If you would like to have a go then please sign up or talk to me. If you would like to have a go but are not sure how to do it then please do ask the office and we can buddy you with one of the current flower arrangers. Martin

For Parents and Carers of Young People...

Please make a note of the dates of our big youth trips of the Spring and Summer Term 2018. Youth Weekend Away: February 23rd – 25th
Soul Survivor Festival: August 18th – 23rd

Children's Church ages 5-11 start in church, then there will be a joint meeting in the school hall this week.

Encounter

The first Encounter of 2018 is this Sunday at 1900, and the first Sunday of every month thereafter. All are welcome to come along and simply rest in God's presence as we worship, pray and wait on Him.

Cell groups start back next week.

Wednesday 10th 7:30-9pm; yr10-13

Thursday 11th 7:30-9pm; yr7-9

Eco church prompt: recycle your Christmas cardsand your wrapping paper at Sainsbury's stores - definitely at Hertford store - until January 8th. Proceeds to FSC. (Not at Tesco) There is also a box for defunct Christmas lights!
Be GREEN!

Accommodation needed. Family with 1 toddler needs accommodation for 10 weeks while on a course at All Nations starting either Jan or April. If you can help please contact the office

Operation Christmas Child – Request for Help

Thank you so much for the gifts and support from Christ Church to Operation Christmas Child. Two lorries have already departed to Liberia and Belarus, but we still have a backlog of boxes to process before the final lorries can depart in February, so any help with checking in the Harlow warehouse would be much appreciated. We are open on weekdays 10:00 to 16:00, starting 8th January. Please contact Andrew du Boulay (aduboulay@ntlworld.com), if you wish to know more.

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.

-Youth Mentor Training January 22nd in youth room 8-10pm.

For new and returning mentors involved in our program.

-Youth Weekend Away

February 23rd – 25th

Sign up for a place now!

Ware's Got Talent

Auditions are on 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).

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

Children's Church

Jan 7th

Start in church
Joint meeting in school
for ages 5-11

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 14th

9.15 am

Reader: Mike Tucker

Intercessor: Diana Perkins

Wardens: Martin Dudley and Hayley Murdoch

Sidespeople Kathryn and Don Adams

Welcome Desk: Elsie Edwards

Coffee : Ridgeway

11.00 am

Reader: Heather Clayden

Intercessor:

Wardens: Martin Dudley and Judith Swindell

Sidespeople: Dave Willis and Leslie Scott

Welcome Desk: Philip Scott and Gill du Boulay

Coffee: Dawsons

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 2nd March

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If you or someone you know would
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