

WEEKLY NEWS

18TH FEBRUARY 2018

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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

9.15 Holy Communion
11.00 Morning Worship

Reading: Matthew 6: 9-13

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.

Youth - No Cell meetings on 21st and 22nd of Feb due to weekend away

The Youth weekend Away Feb 23rd – 25th Cakes needed! We would be so grateful! Please drop cakes off at the church centre by Friday 23rd. Please label it clearly for the youth weekend! **Please sign up at the back of church if you would like to commit to pray for the young people on the weekend away**

Hospitality Sunday 25th February – This is the last week to sign-up to have Sunday lunch with another member of the congregation next Sunday. There has been a good response for hosts who have all been guests in previous years and have valued this opportunity to get to know others at Christ Church. If you would like to be a guest please sign-up at the Welcome Desk or email us at welcome@christchurchware.co.uk. Please contact Gill du Boulay, June Jarvest, Margaret Pearce and Cynthia Kattau for more details.

20s and 30s Group will now meet regularly at a pub evening at the Waterside Inn on the first Friday in the month starting on **2nd March**.

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

Whose wine is it anyway? Saturday 3rd March 2018 Christ church school 7.30-10.30 pm. **BOOK TODAY**- 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

The Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy is planned for Mar 2-4th 2018 this year. As part of our Eco Church commitment we at Christ Church are planning a litter pick around Ware on Saturday 3 Mar at 10am and finishing with a communal 'soup and a roll' in the Church Centre. Please come and join us and demonstrate your care for our environment. Do let the office know you are coming so we can organise sufficient equipment and lunch.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 -The Ware Town Fairtrade Committee invites you to our annual Fairtrade Dinner at Hertford Rugby Football Club (Hoe Lane) on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30 for 8pm. A 3 course meal is served using some fairtrade ingredients, accompanied by fairtrade wine or fruit juice. Tickets £20.00 per person, available from Mary Salter 07949 451069.

17th March – Youthscape, Luton 10.00-3.00.

“Tenacious parents”. Understanding emotional resilience and the world of teenagers. Tickets from youthscape.co.uk £15 inc lunch. See Christian for more information.

PRAY PRAY PRAY!!! Tuesday prayers at 12.30pm weekly in church and Third Monday of the month at 10 am in the Youth Wing of the Church Centre.

Fair Trade Easter Eggs will be available in church this Sunday. When they are gone, they are gone. Price £3.99.

As you may know Revd Caroline is getting married on Saturday 17th March at 1pm. I am looking for a team of 6 people to help set up and serve refreshments after the service in church (cake and tea/coffee/squash). If you can help with refreshments or by baking cakes please do let Martin know. 01920487267 or manager@christchurchware.co.uk

Media Shout is a valuable resource and an integral part of the 11 am and SEVEN services. BUT - We are currently down to only three people trained to operate media shout for the 11 am services, and two for the SEVEN services. We need to train more operators to cover our services, and possibly extend cover to the 9.15 services. Would you be interested in learning to operate Media Shout? If so, speak to Martin Dudley.

We would love to encourage more people to write for our Quarterly Church Magazine. There's lots going on in the church and it would be great to hear about more of it. You may have something to say, or you may know of someone else with a great story to share.

Anything from updates on your particular groups, to poetry, how God has been encouraging you, to just about anything, as long as it's of interest and relevant to our church family. The next deadline is Friday 2nd March.

Please send any articles in the first instance to Martin: manager@christchurchware.co.uk

Looking forward to hearing about all that's going on!

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.

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.

Hertford & Ware Street Pastors is an amazing ministry; it is the church on the street! The H&W Street Pastors have been facing a number of challenges to secure the future of the operation. What has never been in doubt is the enthusiasm of the Street Pastors to continue the ministry. Recently very generous financial gifts have been made, ensuring the bills to March and beyond can be paid. There have been several offers of new volunteers to train to become Street Pastors, and one firm offer to become a trustee. If the services of two more trustees, one with the skills to be the treasurer, can be secured, with the gifts of money received and the offers of new volunteers, H&W Street Pastors is in good shape to continue! If are interested in helping the Street Pastors in any way please speak to; Judith Swindell, Brett Sutherland, Peter Dane or Bob Barker.

Did You Sleep Well?

The next Easneye Business Network event will be on Tuesday 13th March, starting at 7.45pm for 8pm at All Nations Christian College. The evening will be led by Dan Collins, the founder of Fresh Tracks. Dan has spent 25 years exploring why some teams and leaders outperform others. He's concluded that all of us would do better if we could manage our sleep more effectively. For more information please contact Peter Hanney on 07968 990496, look at the Events page on www.allnations.ac.uk or visit www.SleepNews.info

Please pray for the family of Bert Wright who died on 21 Jan. His funeral took place on 8th February. Bert and his wife Margaret were members of Christ Church for many years and Bert was church treasurer for a number of years.

Children's Church
Feb 18th – 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

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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 in hospital with an infection.

Feb 25th

9.15 am

Reader: David Briggs

Intercessor: Wendy Tucker

Wardens: Bruce Crowther and Keith Fairey

Sidespeople Don and Kathryn Adams

Welcome Desk: Ann Owen

Coffee : Vicarage Estate

11.00 am

Reader: Sam Woodward

Intercessor: Samuel Stockwell

Wardens: Bruce Crowther and Stuart Baker

Sidespeople: Jane Dudley and Leslie Scott

Welcome Desk: Philip Scott and Gill du Boulay

Coffee: Gt Amwell

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 2nd March

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Christians Against Poverty

Sam Rich Thurs and Fri
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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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