

WEEKLY NEWS

4TH FEBRUARY 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Christ Church Ware

Jesus led, Spirit empowered, Grace based.

9.15 Morning Worship

11.00 Morning Worship

Reading: Zechariah 4: 1-14

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.

PRAY PRAY PRAY!!!

Tuesday prayers at 12.30pm weekly and Third Monday of the month at 10 am

This Sunday, Encounter at 7pm. The ambition of Encounter is that people spend time in God's presence, often receiving what He wants to give. We had 70 people there last month worshipping God together and responding to His Spirit. It happens in church at 1900 on the first Sunday of every month and is for everyone. It's an exciting event because God is moving.

Escape Vision and information evening, takes 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 a festival of hope, 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 to be inspired, hear about the vision behind the event and share the ways in which you can get involved contact Caroline Rolls for further details on caroline@christchurchware.co.uk.

Booking deadline for youth weekend away is 9th February. If you miss the deadline you won't be going!

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

Thursday February 15th 10am-12pm THE GREAT BRITISH PLAYDOUGH CHALLENGE and Coffee Morning in the Church Centre, 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!

Ash Wednesday Service Christ Church Ash Wednesday service will take place on Wednesday 14th February at 8pm, in church. This service will be a communion service that starts the preparations for Easter and launches Lent. The particular emphasis will be upon creating Holy spaces and the service will create an opportunity to be in God's presence as this holy season begins.
Help needed for Ash Wednesday service : 2 readers, an intercessor and 2 communion servers. Let the office know if you can help.

Ware's Got Talent at Chauncy School Feb 17th. 7.00 – 9.30 pm

Hospitality Sunday 25th February – The Welcome team are organising a 'Mix & Match' Lunch which is an opportunity to have Sunday lunch with another member of the congregation. If you would like to be a guest please sign-up at the Welcome Desk or email us at welcome@christchurchware.co.uk. Many, especially newer members of our congregation have valued this opportunity to get to know others at Christ Church. Please contact Gill du Boulay, June Jarvest, Margaret Pearce or Cynthia Kattau for more details. If you would like to be one of the hosts then please speak to one of us.

The Youth weekend Away Feb 23rd – 25th

Cakes needed! If you could make us a cake we would be so grateful. Please make the cake and drop it off at the church centre by Friday 23rd. Please label it clearly for the youth weekend!

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.

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.

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

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.

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. 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. 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.*

Do you like badminton? Several men from the church play on a Monday night playing in Ware from 9-10 and are looking for new recruits to join us. Please see Dave Illott/Mark Dillon or Martin D for more info

Needing a new home: Dark-green velour 3-seater Chesterfield sofa circa 1930's, reupholstered and in good condition: 174cm (l) x 75(h) x98 (d). Also terracotta Cintique low armchair (1974 - last reupholstered c 2003. A bit squashy now but still very comfortable! 69cm (h) x76 x76. Free/donation to building fund but you need to arrange transport. Needs to go by w/e of 10-11 Feb. More info/pictures from Paul or Rosie Watson on 01920 466 941

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.

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. Book online or speak to me in church or email me- sara.holland1965@hotmail.co.uk. The more the merrier. Sara Holland

Children's Church

Feb 4th - Start in church
Splash and X-treme together in school hall.

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 in hospital with an infection.

Feb 11th

9.15 am

Reader: Mary Barnaby

Intercessor: John Stockwell

Wardens: Lucy Davies and Bob Owen

Sidespeople Margaret Curd

Welcome Desk: Wendy Tucker

Coffee : Musley

11.00 am

Reader: Sam Rich

Intercessor: x

Wardens: Lucy Davies and Carol Walker

Sidespeople: Ruth and Robert Boulton

Welcome Desk: Ann Dawson and Mary Knight

Coffee: Hertford

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 2nd March

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Christians Against Poverty

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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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