

WEEKLY NEWS
15TH APRIL 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



9.15 Holy Communion
11.00 Morning Worship

Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

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.

This Sunday we are pleased to welcome Simon Brown who will be sharing with us about the work of Eco Church and encouraging us as to how we individually can make a difference to our environment.

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.

THIS SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR The Men@CCW Breakfast - Saturday 21 April 8:15am in the Church Centre with guest speaker Alan Comfort, Rector of Standon, a former professional footballer. Tickets including buffet breakfast - £6 from Martin Dudley, Bob Barker and Peter Dane.

APCM Wednesday 25th April 7.45pm. Refreshments from 7.30 pm. This is where we celebrate all that God has done for us during the past year, look forward to plans for the future and elect new wardens, PCC members and trustees of the church. Please do come, celebrate and pray. **This year we have four vacancies for PCC, three of 3 years and one of 1 year.** Nomination forms are at the back of church, and if you would like to know more about the role please do talk to any of the current PCC members.

On Thursday 26th April at 7.45-10pm, in the Church Hall, we will be holding a Worship Ministry event called 'Together' for everyone currently involved/ would like to be involved in any way within the Worship Ministry. This is for musicians, those on Media Shout, Sound, and those looking to be involved in worship. It's a BRING AND SHARE EVENING MEAL, with time for fellowship and worship. Contact *Jessie Dipper (Worship Intern)* at worship@christchurchware.co.uk for more info and please RSVP for catering -and bring something tasty if you can! Also help needed in serving, wash up/ clean up afterwards and any preparation needed before hand on the day. Again, please contact Jessie.

Welcome Sunday Lunch - April 29th. If you are new to Christ Church or haven't been to one before, you are invited to join us for a simple lunch straight after the 11am service in the Church Centre. This is for families and adults and is an opportunity to meet other newcomers and to find out more about life at Christ Church. Invites and more details are available from the Welcome Desk or June Jarvest, Cynthia Kattau or Neil and Margaret Pearce.

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 visit <http://christchurchware.co.uk/giving/>, or place your gift in the boxes at the rear of the church near the entrance. 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.

LoveWare:LiveWare - 5th May at King George Field All are invited to join the team of volunteers, gathered from across Ware's Churches, for this opportunity to show God's love through action in our community. It's a fun day and there are many different roles: we need prayers, marquee-putter-uppers, van-loaders, cafe servers, craft facilitators, face-painters, BBQ chefs and servers, sports players, bouncy-castle-attendees, first-aiders, and many other varied and fun roles. Please go to www.lovewareliveware.org to sign up, or speak to Sam Woodward / 07580 924118 or email sam.woodward@gmail.com for more info. Thank you!

Heather Hookway and Sarah Wicks are planning a Royal Wedding Street Party on Saturday 19th May 2018, in aid of the Church Building Fund. Held at 41 Mount Pleasant, Hertford Heath SG13 7QZ There will be large screen for The Royal Wedding & the FA Cup Final. This is an opportunity for outreach with many family events, fun competitions and games for children. Entry will be on a first come first served basis. Tickets from church office. If you would like to help in any way Contact Sarah Jane Wicks Email Wicksy000@gmail.com Mobile number: 07982 835 917

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer week 13th- 19th May 2018 Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Christ Church is committed to prayer. So this year, Christ Church will host a prayer room, located in the Vestry at the back of church. To book a prayer slot for an hour, go to; <https://www.24-prayer.com/emailredirect/66bf858e119401396053e04633d95637/> Or, speak to Mark Hallett, Pam Willis or Rachel Quinlan. Throughout this week, Christ Church will also host a series on one hour "break every chain" prayer session. These are opportunities to prayer together intercessory prayers for specific needs; including loneliness, poverty, relationships, addictions and sickness. Themes, times and dates for these corporate prayer hours will be released next week.

St Albans Vision Bay, 12th May at Harpenden- Reach New People in new ways, make new disciples of Christ by developing fresh expressions of church and equip leaders. Details to follow soon if you are interested let the office know.

As of Easter 2018 Revd Norman Richards is stepping down as chair of the pastoral committee and co-ordinator of home communions. If you have a pastoral matter or would like to request a home visit, please contact the church office on 01920 487267.

If you would like to volunteer to co-ordinate the visits, we would be delighted to talk to you. In the first instance please contact the church office.

At the end of May there is due to be a major revision of the data protection rules and regulations which we must comply with.. To ensure that we are compliant please complete a consent form so that we can refresh the data we hold on you and ensure that it is accurate. We have emailed the form to some of you and there is a supply of forms at the welcome desk. Thank you Martin

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake stall last Sunday. I raised £195 to go towards the mission trip, massively overriding my expectations! I will be sure to let you all know how the trip goes when I get back in July. Thanks again! Emma Holland

Geoff Cole is running the London Marathon on the 22nd April. He is running for Christ Church Building Fund and British Liver Trust, if you would like to sponsor him, please go to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Geoff.Cole>

Martin is refurbishing some antique chairs for the church and would like to borrow a webbing stretcher, which is used in upholstery. Also if you have an experience of upholstery he would be grateful for advice. manager@christchurchware.co.uk

We were saddened to hear of the death of our former vicar David Wheaton, on Tuesday 10th April. Please pray for Joy, Mark, Jo, Mary and the extended family. Funeral details will be announced when known.

Children's work: HELP NEEDED There are two brightly coloured clip boards at the back of church to sign up as a volunteer for the children's holiday club 28th – 31st August. Children can be signed up once we have enough volunteers!

Michelle is running a mini Alpha course for year 6 kids on Monday lunch time in Christ Church School and desperately needs someone to join her in spreading the gospel to this age group. If you could help between 12.00 – 1.30 please let the office know.

Children's Church
15th April
Children start in church

Crèche
Start with parents in church family service

Young People
No evening meetings over the Easter vacation.

Sunday 15th – Bring and Share lunch after church for School yrs 10-13.

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.
The Parkes family following the death of Gary's father.
The family of David Wheaton who died this week

April 22nd

9.15 am
Reader: David Brigs
Intercessor: Peter Dane
Wardens: Richard Clayden and Keith Fairey
Sidespeople Margaret Curd
Welcome Desk: Pauline and Tony Vivers
Coffee : Vicarage Estate

11.00 am
Reader: Dave Willis
Intercessor: Ron Porter
Wardens: Richard Clayden and Carol Walker
Sidespeople: Dave and Pam Willis
Welcome Desk: Deborah Mercer and Ron Porter
Coffee: Dawsons

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 15th June

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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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