

WEEKLY NEWS
21ST OCTOBER 2018
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST



9.15 Holy Communion
11.00 Morning Worship

Reading: Acts 9 : 1-19

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.

I am inviting the church to be praying and fasting on the first Wednesday of every month, for the development of the ministries of Christ Church and for the time of growth and change that is before us. I would invite you to also particularly pray for this in your life group that week. If you have any words, picture or scripture verses etc. that come to mind (see my sermon on prophecy <http://christchurchware.co.uk/sermons/prophecy-i-corinthians-14-vv-1-5-14th-october-2018/>) please send them to vicar@christchurchware.co.uk Please do only fast if you are medically able and only do what you feel the lord would ask you to. Jesus teaching on fasting can be found in Matthew 5:6-18. We start on Wed 7th Nov 2018, and look forward to all that the Lord will share with us. John.

Helpers and jam jars needed for the LIGHT PARTY! If you are available to help please sign up at the back or speak to Jess. Whether it is cooking sausages, baking biscuits for kids to decorate, supervising a craft or game or manning the door, we still need lots of helpers in order to make this event happen. We also need jam jars for a craft activity at the party so if you have any please can you drop them into the office or bring to church next Sunday. Invite people to come and buy tickets from Jess at the back of church today or from the office before 24th October.

Come fly with me- The Concorde story is the theme of the next men's breakfast on Saturday 3rd November at 8.15 am. Tickets £5 each from 01920487267 or manager@christchurchware.co.uk. Please take a flyer and invite your friends.

Piñata of Promises tickets now available. Saturday 10th November, 7pm. £7.50 each. There's a limited number of tickets, so don't delay to secure your place! Promise offers still welcome up to 1st November. wallpad12@gmail.com

A Christchurch ladies event awaits you - come and join us for a lovely afternoon tea at All Nations in Easyneye on Sat 17 Nov 2.30 pm. Tables have been held for 40 people. It's £15 per person for a delicious selection of fresh finger sandwiches, homemade scones and carefully crafted cakes and fancies. More info can be found on <https://www.allnations.ac.uk/events/afternoon-tea-easneye-house>. If you need gluten free, dairy free or vegetarian please advise in advance by 12 November. We may be able to offer lifts if needed. If you'd like to go please text Lynne on 07780 702747 by 27 October. £15 per person to be paid on the day to All Nations.

Pastoral care needs If you know of someone or are in need of Pastoral care could you please contact either your life group leader or the office in the first instance, and a member of the team will follow it up, clergy, readers or visiting team. The Rev Norman Richards is still supporting the training and development of pastoral care but is no longer the point of contact.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals start on Tuesday 13th November, 7.30 – 9.15 pm in church. We are delighted Mark Dillon has agreed to lead this year's choir. All abilities welcome just turn up on the night.

Christmas Cards and Advent candles will be available at the back of church on Sunday.

Monday 22nd October, Deanery Synod. All welcome. 7.30pm Christ Church (in church). We will welcome Canon Andrew Holford and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Committee on the subject of Worship (Services).

Christ Church School Open Evening for prospective parents: Thursday 8th November 6-8pm. Teachers, Governors, Parent Staff Association members and House captains available, classrooms to visit, school meal tasters, plus information on curriculum and after school activities.

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.

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.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal

This is a simple way to make a real difference to the life of a child at Christmas. Can you find the time to fill a shoe box with a few inexpensive gifts? Last year our boxes went to children in Liberia, Belarus and Ukraine. Leaflets with instructions are available from Andrew du Boulay or from the information desk, and filled boxes should be returned to the box at the back of church by Sunday 18th November. A donation of £5 is suggested please to cover the costs of transporting the boxes abroad. Empty pre-decorated flat-pack shoe boxes are also available at 40p per box. We also value donated items such as knitted hats, A5 sized notebooks, soaps, and small toys (must be new) etc. For any enquiries please email: aduboulay@ntlworld.com

Also, also, also As we approach the 2018 Operation Christmas Child we are looking for premises where we can store a lorry load of cartons. After shoeboxes have been processed and packed into cartons (containing ten shoeboxes) we need to store a lorry or container load (about 1000 cartons) before they are exported for children in receiving countries. If you can help or have an idea please speak to Bob Barker or Andrew du Boulay

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ECO CHURCH This week we invite you, as part of your Harvest response, to explore your own (individual or household) carbon footprint using a simple questionnaire to give you a feel for your contribution to the national carbon footprint. This questionnaire from WWF takes about 5 min to complete. We urge you to be honest and see how large or small is your current footprint. How important and relevant this now is in the light of the report this week from the International Panel on Climate Change that we all need to change our lifestyles.

Make a record of the result and send it in to the office by email or phone by the end of the month. We will average the responses for the church community. The WWF website gives some suggestions about how to reduce your footprint and we shall be giving some hints from time to time through the year. In 12 months, we will repeat the exercise see how effective our measures have been to reduce our church carbon footprint. This information will contribute to our planned application for the gold standard Eco Church award. The website is found at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

The funeral of Doris Spearman, who died earlier this week, will take place at 2.45pm on Monday, 29th October at Harwood Park Crematorium, Stevenage.

Children's Church
21st Oct
Children 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 Church
Thursday – 7.30 till 9 pm

Years 10-13

Wednesday 7.30 till 9 pm

For your Prayers:

Claire H for ongoing treatment.

Louise Phelan and family as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.

For alpha

For PCC as it considers all aspects of the Development Project.

For the outcome of recent grant applications for the building project.

For the family of Doris Spearman who died last week.

Christ Church School Open Evening
Thurs 8th Nov

Away Day this Saturday

Oct 28th

9.15 am

Reader: Ros Nendick

Intercessor: David Briggs

Wardens: Martin Dudley and Hayley Murdoch

Sidespeople Roland Swaile

Welcome Desk Eva Ilott

Coffee: Widbury

11.00 am

Reader Val Johnson

Intercessor Peter Wall

Wardens: Martin Dudley and Roger Tiffen

Sidespeople: Rob and Ruth Boulton

Welcome Desk: Phil Scott

Coffee: Music

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 9th November

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Christians Against Poverty

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If you or someone you know would
benefit from free debt counselling,
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