

WEEKLY NEWS

7TH OCTOBER 2018

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HARVEST SUNDAY



9.15 Morning Worship
11.00 Morning Worship and
Baptism

Reading: Mark 4: 1-9

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.

Harvest Sunday 7th October- We will be collecting for the Ware Foodbank this year- dried food, tins, toiletries, nappies, sanitary products. Please bring any donations to any of the services on the 7th.

Eco Church- This Harvest Festival, we invite you, as part of your Harvest Thanksgiving for all God continues to provide, to discover your own carbon footprint. You can explore how you as an individual or as a household are contributing to the overuse of energy in the western world to fuel our lifestyles. The test is simple and will only take a few minutes to complete. In 12 months, we shall ask you to repeat the exercise and see if you have managed to reduce your footprint have a go at- <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>.

Our mission partners Flavio and Cinzia de Lima and their 2 children (soon to be 3) will be staying in Ware from Oct 7th to 13th and will be at Christ Church for both morning services on Oct 7th. They are on home assignment from sailing round Latin America on the OM Logos Hope ship which is definitely not a luxury cruise liner! Read their article about this ministry in the Summer 2018 church magazine. If you would like to meet them, how about inviting them for coffee at your home or at Van Hages or one of the many cafes in town? Call or text Mary Salter on 07949 451069 to find out more.

Sunday lunches- A very big thank you to all of the Life Groups who have hosted the September series of lunches. We have shared the plans for the church with nearly 200 of you. If you were unable to make a lunch, we are planning an in depth communication in late October, where we will endeavour to give you a detailed update on the development project.

Would you believe us if we told you that the BBC is dedicating an entire hour of prime time TV to share stories of the Church bringing hope to some of the poorest people in the UK? We can't quite believe it but that is exactly what is about to happen. **On Friday 5 October, at 9pm**, CAP and some of the 600 partner churches are the subject of the BBC2 documentary *The Debt Saviours*. The programme profiles the work of the UK Church caring for the poor and rescuing people from debt across the UK.

Church Away Day, Saturday 20th October 9 am – 3.30 pm at All Nations Christian College. Re:fuelled promises to be a day of rich blessings and refreshment to us all. Gemma Foster who is leading us that day is a gifted pastor and I am sure you won't want to miss the day. **BOOK NOW**. Details and booking sheets available in church or on line via www.churistchurchware.co.uk.

Help is needed in setting up on the Friday evening from 7 pm and serving refreshments on the Saturday at various times during the day. Please see sheet in church or talk to church office.

We are planning on running a Light Party on Wednesday 31st October. This is a fun alternative to Halloween and will be a great opportunity for children in the church and local area to come and have a great time celebrating the light- JESUS! We need help to run this event and there are lots of different areas to be involved in- food preparation, decorating, drama, craft, running games, welcoming. If you are interested in helping please email or speak to Jess. Thank you!

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 TO AUCTION-Saturday 10th November. Thank you for amazing donation of Promises already received. Please keep them coming, the more we get the more money we make towards our Church building fund. Please contact with offers direct to GALG at 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. Cancellations are possible up to 12 November but out of fairness to All Nations we kindly request that you let us know by then if at all possible. £15 per person to be paid on the day to All Nations. Hope to see you there for a pleasant afternoon of relaxation, lovely food and friendship.

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.

If anyone is going to IKEA in the next few weeks and could pick up some items for the church we would be most grateful. Please see Martin if you can help.

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.

On **Saturday 13th October** at Christ Church at 1 pm, Nicole is marrying Joe Eccles and we'd love you to join us. Tea, coffee and cake will be served after the service and would appreciate any offers to serve refreshments or make cakes. With love Dave and Sue Ilott (07580 526874).

Subject to the final approval for the redevelopment of the church and following research of alternative venues in and around Ware; the PCC have decided the best option for the two Sunday morning services is to remain on the Christ Church site, making use of the facilities available in the church centre and Christ Church School. Further information and details will be available during the autumn. There will need to be a degree of compromise on Sunday mornings while the church building is being redeveloped to allow the ministry and mission of the church to continue. Further information from John Hookway or Bob Barker.

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. Thank you so much for your support. Every box we send lets a child know that God loves them and that they are not forgotten. For any enquiries please email: aduboulay@ntlworld.com

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.

Children's Church
7th 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 Mike & Ann Dawson following the death of Mikes mum.

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

For alpha

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

Oct 14th

9.15 am

Reader: Mary Barnaby

Intercessor: Rosie Watson

Wardens: Martin Dudley and Keith Fairey

Sidespeople Diana Perkins and Jenny Dixon

Welcome Desk Kathryn Adams

Coffee: Ridgeway

11.00 am

Reader Chris Evans

Intercessor x

Wardens: Martin Dudley and Rob Swaile

Sidespeople: tbc

Welcome Desk: Deborah Mercer and Ron Porter

Coffee: Amwellbury

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 9th November

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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

Church officers

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