

WEEKLY NEWS
25TH NOVEMBER 2018
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



9.15 Morning Worship
11.00 Morning Worship

Reading: Titus 1: 1-4

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.

Development Fund Gift Day. Thank you for all you have given so far. Please continue to prayerfully be involved. Pledge envelopes are available in church or give online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1014113> or email treasurer@christchurchware.co.uk with a pledge to give or pray (or both). If we are all standing together in this, we can leave a wonderful legacy for more to hear the gospel! We would particularly appreciate offers of interest free loans at this time. <https://goo.gl/forms/da6ODiZLH4coSlyH3>

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.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals on Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.15 pm in church. All abilities welcome just turn up on the night.

Welcome Sunday Lunch for Newcomers - 25th November. All who have joined Christ Church during the past year or who have never been to a Welcome lunch are invited to join us for a simple lunch after the morning (11am) service in the Church Centre. This is an opportunity to meet other new families and to find out more about life at Christ Church.

Have you ever wanted to own a pew? Or have a memento of Christ Church? Now is your opportunity as we look to sell items that will not be needed following the redevelopment. Copies of what is available are at the back of church and available on the website. Please do share this with your friends and family. Any questions please ask Martin.

Cleaner for the Centre Christ Church has a vacancy for a cleaner for the church centre, 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day Monday to Friday. The person needs to be an early bird as the cleaning needs to be done between 6-9am. We are offering a salary in the range of £8.45- £9 per hour, depending upon experience. The contract is initially for a fixed term period of 12 months. It may be possible to job share for the right people. If you are interested or know somebody who may be, please contact Martin Dudley, Operations Manager, 01920 487267 or email at manager@christchurchware.co.uk

The Ware Prayer Tree will once again be available for folk to write and hang up prayers as in previous years at The Christmas Tree Festival in the vestibule of Leaside Church. This year the festival will be on Friday Dec 7th 6-9.00pm and Saturday Dec 8th 10-1pm. We are looking for two volunteers from Christ Church to man a slot on Saturday 8th December 12 noon – 1 pm. If you can help please contact Mary Pick directly on 01920 464664 or email mary@thepicks.co.uk

We are looking for two blankets to use if we have a medical emergency in church. Do you have any in a cupboard that you would donate to church? If so please speak to the church office.

Christmas is fast approaching and we are looking for lots of helpers at the various services that we have. Please don't be shy in volunteering and early offers will make Martins life less stressful!! (01920487267 or manager@christchurchware.co.uk)

Wednesday 5th December 7 pm – Ware primary schools carol service- Warden, sides person

Sunday 23rd December- Carols by candlelight 6.30 pm- 3 sides people and welcomers. 3 people to help set up the refreshments from 5.30 pm.

24th December Children's Christmas Eve service at 4 pm- 4 sides people and welcomers, 3 people to serve squash and biscuits after service

24th December Christmas communion service at 11 pm- 2 sides people and welcomers

25th December Christmas Day family service 10 am- a warden, deputy warden, 4 sides people and welcomers, 8 communion helpers

Sunday 30th December family service 10 am – 1 deputy warden, 3 sides people and welcomers, 4 people to set up and serve refreshments, 1 person to read the lesson, 1 person to lead the intercessions, 1 person to do media shout.

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 – Late Boxes and Volunteering Thank you to those who have already provided shoebox gifts and fillers. If you missed the deadline, we can still collect boxes. We would be very grateful to anyone wishing to volunteer at the processing centre at Harlow, weekdays 10:00 to 16:00 until 14 December, also Saturday 24 Nov, 10:00 to 14:00, and Wednesday evening 05 Dec, 19:45 to 21:45. Please contact Andrew du Boulay (aduboulay@ntlworld.com) for more details.

All Nations Christian College present Carols at Easneye, Wednesday 28th November at 7.30 pm

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.

Mulberry House Men's Breakfast. 8.30 am, 24th November. £15.00. Peter Kerridge, CEO of Premier Radio will talk about his work at Premier, and how we as men can stand for Christ in today's secular society. More details from Dave Willis docdaw1@gmail.com

Christ Church School PSA needs cakes to sell, help with setting up and manning stalls for the "Winter Wonderland" 1st December 2.00 – 4.00. contact Sara Wicks if you can help wicksy000@gmail.com

Sunday 11am service in 2019 - Help needed! - we continue planning for next year. For the 11am Sunday morning service in 2019, three people have 'volunteered' to be team leaders to set up Christ Church in the school hall. Each team will be twinned with one of the three worship bands. Once every three weeks the team on duty will get the hall ready by putting the chairs in position, then after the service return the hall to normal. There is no heavy lifting. **Andrew du Boulay, Roger Evans & Neil Pearce** would like help with these responsibilities - otherwise they will be starting very early! If you would like to assist **please speak to one of the team leaders or Bob Barker.**

In readiness for moving out of Church in January we need 3 Blackboard/easels made. We have the materials do you have the talent to make us some? If so please speak to Martin

Children's Church
25th Nov
Children start in groups

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

Ann and Mike Dawson's granddaughter Evie, recovering from emergency surgery.

Dec 2nd

9.15 am
Reader: Julia Taylor
Intercessor: Wendy Tucker
Wardens: Bruce Crowther and Hayley Murdoch
Sidespeople Pat and Keith Fairey
Welcome Desk Andrew Wang
Coffee: Widbury

11.00 am
Reader Carol Walker
Intercessor Emma Dipper
Wardens Bruce Crowther and Roger Tiffen
Sidespeople Richard and Heather Clayden
Welcome Desk: Phil Scott and Gill du Boulay
Coffee: Chadwell

Notices Deadline: Thurs 9.30 am

Magazine deadline: 15th 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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