



WELCOME to our service today at Christ Church! We thank you for joining us today as we meet to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that you will be blessed and feel a part of His family here. If you are new please make yourself known to us. Please do fill in the **New @** leaflet from the holder behind the welcome desk and pass it to one of the team. Do stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. If you would value prayer for any concern, do see the prayer ministry team who are always available after any

Commissioning

Today we are celebrating the start of a new school year and commissioning many at Christ Church. As we are commissioned on Sunday, we remember how we all have talents and skills God has given uniquely to us. We, no matter the age, the skill, or the talent are called to go into our world, our communities, our work, and our schools, sharing Jesus' and His love.

We will be taking time at the 10:45 service to pray for Sara & Darius, Eliah, and Neiva as they prepare to move to serve and study elsewhere in the world.

All are welcome to join us!!



*...into the world
and make disciples*

SERVICES – 3rd September 2017

9 AM – Holy Communion

Theme: Celebrating our ministries

Readings: Romans 16:1-16 & 20-27, Luke 17:7-10

10.45 AM – Commissioning service

7.00PM

Celebration - Sermon on the Mount

Parallels – Matt 7:13-29

NHCT – ANNUAL BIKE RIDE SATURDAY 9TH SEPT

Graeme Renton will be cycling around Nottinghamshire on behalf of the NHCT on Saturday 9th September and will be available this Sunday 3rd to sign up sponsors. 50% of all money raised comes back to help with the upkeep of Christ Church.

We will NOT be opening up the church on what is also Heritage Open Day, although we will be opening the side door from 10-12 to give refreshment to 'Riders and Striders'

#LOVECHILWELL

Please note the challenge deadline is 10th September - so claim your prize before or on that date! Please call in at the office for your prize.

If you haven't taken part please pick up a challenge list or quiz sheet at the back of church.

HELP WANTED WITH ESSENTIAL MINISTRY

Could you press a few buttons and hand the preacher his/her microphone every few weeks? If so, the wardens would like to hear from you, especially if you attend 9 am, 7 pm or WOW.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

Please join us on Friday mornings from 9.15am in the Upper Room

NEWS

RETURN OF WOW - WITH SONGS OF PRAISE

After the customary lull in August, Worship on Wednesday resumes on **September 27th** with Songs of Praise.

A different format earlier this year, entitled STRICTLY Songs of Praise, proved so hugely popular that we are repeating it on this occasion.

It means there will not be a speaker and practically all of our time will be devoted to praise to God through the hymns and songs which you have chosen. Please give your requests to Colin Slater no later than Sunday September 24th together with the reason for your choice, saying why the particular hymn or song means a lot to you. Thank you!

MENS FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the men's fellowship is on **Wednesday 6th September** for those who have put their names down for the visit to The Malt Cross caves, we meet at 10.00am as usual outside the Church Hall lounge, followed by tram ride to Nottingham, then short walk to St. James Street.

BRAS FOR BOSNIA!

Elaine Hinchliffe (St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey) is travelling to Bosnia in September. It appears the ladies out there are desperate for decent bras. She will be visiting a charity who can distribute them, do you have any that need a new home? If you do, please put them in the box at the back of Church, and Pam Price will forward them to

her. There are plastic bags if you need one to keep it clean. Thank you.

CUBS AGAINST LEPROSY

Purulia Hospital in West Bengal was the first leprosy hospital in the world. The Leprosy Mission is now refurbishing it, and Christ Church's Cub Scouts have been helping raise money. They were challenged to fill two Smarties tubes with coins earned by doing chores for families and friends. By the end of summer term about half the Cubs had completed the challenge, and a first instalment of £61.29 has been sent to TLM as a donation.

THE SAMARITANS PURSE

For many years Christ Church has been involved in helping the charity The Samaritans Purse, send shoe boxes filled with presents to children in poor or war torn countries around the world. This year we thought we'd like to do it slightly differently.

Firstly we need to collect as many empty shoe boxes as we can, so please save any you have.

Secondly we need all ladies who love knitting to take up their needles and knit. Hats and gloves would be great and we can provide a pattern if you need one.

Thirdly look at and pick up the list of items to send and not to send at the back of church and when you're out shopping start buying some things that can go in the boxes. The boxes will be labelled for a girl or a boy and the ages are 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, so it may be helpful to think about that when you're shopping. Younger children are often easier to buy for but it would be lovely to do as

many boxes for the older children as well.

Fourthly come along to church on the big pack up day, date to be announced later (boxes need to be ready in the first two weeks November). We'll cover the boxes with Christmas paper and fill them with all our gifts and have some time to pray for the children who will receive these boxes. We'll also have some food and drink and a lot of fun.

Samaritans purse ask for a voluntary contribution cost of £5 to send each box, so another way you can help is to donate money to help with this. We'll have a donation box for gifts and money at the back of church. We will be looking at other ways to raise money to help fund this so we'll keep you posted on that.

Love Janis Patterson, Karen Scott and Dawn Clarke

The King will reply, *'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

Matthew 25:40