

**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 service.

Have you made any new year resolutions? As we begin a new season together here at Christ Church we're going to take 2018 to establish some collective resolutions that identify who we are as a church and where we might be called to grow and go in the years ahead. It's a big year!

So, we need to be praying and dreaming together, we need to be vision-catching and vision-casting. In our current sermons series we're exploring who we're called to be as followers of Jesus, asking, "What kind of 'us' does God want for his church?" and "What kind of Church does God want us to be?"

In the coming months there will be various prayer gatherings and events to help us collectively discern God's vision for us. If you're keen to be a part of that exciting process, then help us prepare for them by praying now, in advance, and keep a look out for when those events hit the calendar.

- *Andy*

**SERVICES - 14<sup>th</sup> January '18**

9 AM - Morning Prayer

Being Followers of Jesus: Called to Unreasonable Love

Luke 6:27-36; Genesis 50:15-21

10.45 AM - Communion

Being Followers of Jesus: Called to Unreasonable Love

Luke 6:27-36

7.00PM - Traditional Carol Service

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Luke 6:27-36

**FAREWELL SKY**

We will be celebrating Sky and Charlotte and their ministry at Christ Church, with a bring and share lunch on January 21st in the hall at 12:45pm. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church to bring food. If you would like to help or have questions please speak to Greer.

**FESTIVAL OF THEOLOGY**

We as a Church are privileged to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Psephizo Festival of Theology on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January (10-4pm).

Co-ordinated by Ian Paul, this will feature the best in contemporary thinking about mission, ministry, biblical interpretation, theology and culture. Presentations will be in 15 minute bursts (TED style) with time for Q&A. For information and to book (£15 including lunch and refreshments) search online for festival of theology, psephizo.



Don't forget the discovery café is happening every Thurs at 7.30pm in the lower room. All are welcome with any kinds of questions.

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## NEWS

### CRAFT AFTERNOON

Ruth Hume is having a craft afternoon at 2 Barratt Close starting this Wednesday from 1.30-4pm. If anyone would like to join me please let me know [Tel:07717763661](tel:07717763661), email: [ruthhume6@gmail.com](mailto:ruthhume6@gmail.com). Bring your own craft or use some of my stuff (pressed flowers, paper, paints, beads, threads etc.).

### NEW BEGINNINGS RATHER THAN GOODBYE....

As many of you are aware, Kerry left the parish office for the final time on 21<sup>st</sup> December to develop her own business ventures. As a regular worshipper at Trent Vineyard she sought a quiet departure from Christ Church - even so, she received a big send off from the staff team at their Christmas Dinner. Kerry says; 'what a huge privilege and blessing it has been to work with such a dedicated and hard working staff team and to have met such beautiful and caring people during my time at Christ Church. Thank you. Kerry x Please keep in touch at: [kbseaton0912@gmail.com](mailto:kbseaton0912@gmail.com)

### CHRISTIAN AID 2017

Our final total raised was £2374.27 which included the sale of a few mince pies. Thank you to everyone who helped in raising money in any way. Janet and Gail

## WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2018

Could there be a willing lady who would appreciate the opportunity to meet and be part of the team with often local churches to arrange this service. I have represented Christ Church for about 10 years and feel a fresh face would be welcome. Do pray and ask God if this small task is for you and contact me for details. Thank you Adeline. 922 1704

### MID WINTER QUIZ SAT 20 JAN

This will take place in the Church 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. Maximum 6 people per team. Bring your own drinks, nibbles and joker. Tickets are £6 a table and can be reserved from Keith and Lesley ([keith.stevenson@ntlworld.com](mailto:keith.stevenson@ntlworld.com)). Where can you have a better night out for £1 each?

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

All local churches are encouraged to join together for prayer all the time... and especially from 18th -25th January. There are two local opportunities on Saturday 20th January when all are encouraged to meet together and pray:-

Beeston Methodist Church  
1pm-4pm Proper coffee (!) and prayer resources will be available

Toton Methodist Church  
10-11am.

## PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

Our first meeting of the year will be in the LOWER ROOM at church from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. We shall be using a new DVD produced by Open Doors which brings alive the situations in various parts of the world and gives specific prayer pointers relating to what we have watched on the DVD. We have seen definite answers to prayer....Do think about joining us this month - the numbers are growing, but there are plenty of chairs - you will be very welcome!

Chris 9179699 Adeline 9221704

### OUTWARD GIVING APPLICATIONS

Christ Church tithes its income and every three years the PCC decides how it will use this money. In February, the PCC will be reviewing the charities that we support. If you have a connection with a charity and you would like Christ Church to consider giving to it financially, please complete an application form (back of Church or on the web-site). The form also includes the principles that the group will use to decide which charities will be chosen this term. The closing date for applications is 31 January 2018. Any questions can be directed to Tim Hills, Eleanor O'Boyle, Ruth Price, Chris Roseblade, Michael Shenton or Anne Willmot. Please note that this application form is not for individual missionaries or couples as they are considered through a different process. Ruth Price ([ruth.price@gmx.co.uk](mailto:ruth.price@gmx.co.uk)).