

Sunday 1st April 2018

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 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, please see the prayer ministry team who are available after every service.

WHAT EASTER MEANS TO ME.....

Easter for me is a time of confession as Jesus died on the cross. As Jesus forgave all of our sins, I think that it is important to confess what we have done wrong, and what we should change. This leads onto a new beginning; it is not unusual to start afresh at this time of the year. In the early Christian church they took time to prepare for being baptised on Easter Day.

At school all of this means that I look at things I need to improve or put right, like relationships and the way I behave. I also give myself a thought to focus on, and the one this year is "with Jesus I am enough." It is good to do this as it changes your way of thinking, hence the new start. So as well as thinking about Jesus dying on the cross all of this sends out a special message that we can all be washed clean, and that God has given us a fresh start.

By Simeon Lord

CHURCH OFFICE

Over Easter the Church Office will be opening on the following days:

w/c 2nd April:

Monday 2nd April, and Friday 6th April. Deadline for joint notice sheet for Sunday 8th and 15th is Thursday 5th April

w/c 9th April – Office closed.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 16th April.

Please note Andy is also away from Monday 2nd April returning to work on Wednesday 18th April.

SERVICES – 1st April 2018. EASTER SUNDAY

9 AM - Holy Communion 1

Jesus lives!

1 Corin. 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

10.45 AM – Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Jesus lives!

Mark 16:1-8

7.00 PM – Celebration Service

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WEEK AHEAD

7th April – 1.30pm Our Space in Church.

NEWS

PRAYER FOR MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

As you will have noted from last Sunday there is a call to be praying for Muslim communities in our midst and nationally, who have received threats of abuse and violence to be carried out on Tuesday 3rd April.

As a response to this, we are determined to meet to pray as a church on Monday 2nd April, 7-8 pm in the Church.

Our collective prayers on Monday will not be focussed on Muslim communities coming to know and follow Jesus, but will be focussed on the protection of Muslims, peace amongst Muslims and a change of heart amongst those stirred up against Muslims. May we, as sheep who gladly follow the Good Shepherd, model a ministry of protection, peace, and reconciliation that we received from our Good Shepherd.

Please join us for all or part of our time together.

George Russell

INTERNATIONAL GUIDE TRIP – SOAP SALE

Thank you for helping me raise money for my trip representing Nottinghamshire Guides in Croatia in July.

I raised £179 from the Soap Sale last Sunday.

Annie Hampshire

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

This year's Senior Citizens' Party will take place on Saturday 28th April. We transform the church into an enormous tea room and welcome around 100 local senior citizens to a full afternoon tea and entertainment. We need lots of helpers, of all ages! Please consider whether you or anyone in your family can contribute to the entertainment or help serve tea. Helpers are also needed to give lifts, bake cakes and set up the church. Please sign up using the sheets at the back of church or by getting in touch with Sandra Adams (for the entertainment - nigelandsandra@ntlworld.com) or Kathryn Batchelor (for everything else - kathrynbatchelor@yahoo.co.uk / 07951081189).

MENS FELLOWSHIP

Please note that owing to Easter Holidays Men's Fellowship will be meeting on Wednesday 11th April not the 4th April at the church hall lounge at 10.00am for our visit to Rolls-Royce Learning Centre at Derby DE24 9BD

AFTERNOON TEA

We will be having an afternoon tea on Saturday, April 21st in the lounge as we say goodbye to Chris & Greer Jones. Please feel free to drop in between 2-4pm and enjoy cake, scones, and garden games. If you are able to make a cake (or scones) & drop it off on Friday the 20th to the Church Office that would be great!! There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

I will be holding a concert on the 14th April at 7:30pm, with doors opening at 7:15pm in order to raise money for a mission trip I am going on in July to help run a music residential for young people who desperately need to hear the word of God in a gentle and kind manner. On this trip, we will be teaching music to Estonian young people, as well as having bible study sessions and running fun activities each afternoon for the young people to take part in. I need to raise money to cover the costs of the trip, and therefore I will be selling tickets for the concert on the door; £3 for Adults and £2 for children. I would greatly appreciate your support both financially and prayerfully. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible!

Beth Hampshire

PRAYING....

Further to Andy's notice at the APCM (Church AGM) about regularly praying for people we know to come to know Jesus and the life, the best life, that he calls them to; Andy will be in the church on the 4th Thursday of every month from 7-7:30am for what he's calling 'Cross & Kingdom Prayer'. It'll be low key, informal and free-flowing. Will you commit to joining with him once a month to do this? The first one will be 26th April.