

Sunday 8th & 15th 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.

CHURCHWARDEN'S FAREWELL

I am preparing to join the other ex-wardens in the back row.

I was overwhelmed by the generosity and appreciation shown at the APCM – for your kind words and applause, and the beautiful gifts.

It's been a challenging, exciting, sometimes sad and frustrating seven years – but I have always felt the love and support of the church. You were on my side throughout! Thank you for overlooking all my errors and omissions, and praise God for His enabling strength.

I'm very grateful for the support and encouragement of Tim Easun, followed by Clint Redwood. They nobly supplied the skills I don't have, and blessed me richly as wise and fun colleagues.

All churches are God's, and thus good. Christ Church to me is distinctive: we are a team all of whose members expect to be committed to God and to be challenged; we are a family where we don't always get on, but we always mean to; and we rejoice in our variety. Not all churches are like this.

Please pray for Stephen and Bridget, as well as for Clint and Rebekah, in the changeover, at this exciting time for Christ Church. Stephen is going to do a great job. He will take his vows officially in May.

So I'll still be doing stuff till then. My plan is to have a little holiday in June, and then to consider and pray about what to do next. I don't know what this is churchwise, but I don't think you've seen the last of me.

Thank you all again. And thank you to my longsuffering family, especially and always Mark.

CHURCH OFFICE

w/c 9th April – Office closed.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 16th April.

Please note Andy is also away at the moment returning to work on Wednesday 18th April.

APCM

For those who weren't at the APCM, please note that our newly elected wardens are Clint Redwood and Stephen Scott and PCC members are Chris Brignell, Janis Patterson, Ruth Price and Gary Stephenson. Stephen Clarke was appointed deputy warden for the 10.45 service.

SERVICES – 8th & 15th April

9 AM - Holy Communion 2

Praying towards Pentecost:

Knowing who we pray to.

Acts 17:16-34, Luke 24:36-49

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NEWS

BETHANY – WED 11th APR

The Bethany ladies group will meet as usual in the church on Wednesday 11th April from 10am-12 noon.

This month we welcome Helen Catchpole a magistrate from the youth and families court. For more information please contact Judy Southwell at catnanjudy@yahoo.com

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 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 at Christ Church 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. 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.

Beth Hampshire

SUPPER@7

On Sunday 29th April at the 7pm service we will be joining together in an evening meal in addition to our regular worship, teaching and prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are able to make a cake for this service then please bring this with you to serve after the meal. We look forward to seeing you there! *The 7pm Service Team*

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.

REVELATION BOOK LAUNCH – Thurs 19th April 7.30pm

The book of Revelation isn't easy to follow, but it carries great significance for us today.

All are welcome to Ian Paul's book launch of a commentary on Revelation in a highly respected commentary series. Knowing Ian, it'll be both engaging and relevant. Discounted signed copies of the commentary available for purchase on the night. More info at www.psephizo.com

BEREAVEMENT TEA

Tuesday 10th April. All who have been bereaved for any amount of time are welcome to our Bereavement tea afternoon. In our church lounge from 2 till 3.30pm and you are very welcome to come for tea and cakes and chat with our very friendly team, and meet people who have been through similar experiences. Any queries please contact Janis Patterson. janis_patterson@sky.com

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Do join us in church on Monday, April 23rd from 7.30-8.30pm as we meet to pray particularly for Egypt, Kuwait and Vietnam. We shall again be using the DVD by Open Doors which highlights specific items for prayer. Chris (9179699).