



Christ Church Notice Sheet 20 September 2020

Covid-19 Outreach Support team

Christ Church has assembled a small, flexible group of volunteers to support vulnerable and self-isolating parishioners in a variety of ways - from shopping and collecting prescriptions to phone support and sending letters. For more information, see the church website or email christchurch-covid19-outreach@outlook.com

Happy Anniversary Penny and Ian!

It's Penny and Ian Kirkwood's 50th wedding anniversary this weekend. They've asked for O Praise Ye The Lord and organ voluntary Nun Danket by Karg-Elert to be included in our worship this week as these were part of their wedding service 50 years ago! We join with them and their family in celebrating this special occasion and thanking God for his continuing goodness.

Mary Sambrook's funeral

This service is to be held at Willow Chapel on 21 September 2020 at 11-30 am. To watch the service please follow the instructions below:

Log on to www.obitus.com Username: Dako0854 Password: 915989

FUNdraising opportunities

Christ Church Charity Walk – 19 September

Phil and Mandy are organising a sponsored walk to raise money for the charities supported by Christ Church. There are 12-mile and 5.5-mile options, or you could raise money your own way if you prefer. See the [16 August notice sheet](#), or get in touch with Phil and Mandy for more details.

To sponsor those taking part in the walk, visit the following webpage:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TOd6UYAqA7dGx9QLyzV1tg45XKRgJXP6/view?usp=sharing>

Alpha goes online at Christ Church

Following the success of Alpha last year, we are taking it online to bring the Good News to others during these difficult times. The course will take place on Zoom Tuesdays throughout October and November, with sessions at 10am and 7.30pm. Please be thinking of who you could tell about this great opportunity to explore faith. Look out for more information on our social media accounts!

<https://www.facebook.com/Christchurchmalvernroad/>

Come and Hear the Music: St Peter's Music Festival

This is taking place on Saturday 10th October 2020 between 12.00pm and 7.00pm at St Peter's Church, Leckhampton, in front of a live, socially distanced audience. There will be continuous musical performances by singers and instrumentalists of all ages. We are raising funds, by voluntary donations, for the work that the music therapy charity, 'MusicSpace', does with children in Gloucestershire. Please join us to celebrate the return of live music to churches!

Tree planting scheme

Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism Officer for the Diocese of Gloucester, has the opportunity to distribute small British trees to people who are looking to plant. Please email cwilliams@glosdioc.org.uk for more information if you are interested.

8am Holy Communion and Individual Prayer

As per government guidance, churches are now able to open their doors for services and individual prayer. 8am Holy Communion is now back on Sundays at Christ Church and is the usual calm service without singing. The church is also open Wednesdays 10am-11am for individual prayer. All the necessary precautions including social distancing will be observed, please wear face coverings unless you are exempt from doing so.

Christ Church Without Walls continues to provide the 10.30am Sunday Worship on YouTube.

Support Christ Church financially

You can give by texting CHURCH, plus the amount you would like to donate (up to £20), to 70450. So to give £5, text CHURCH 5 to 70450, or to give £20, text CHURCH 20 to 70450. This service costs your donation plus your standard message rate. You can also give any amount online by visiting the http://www.give.net/Christ_Church_Chelt - Thank you!

PRAY FOR:

Lord, we thank you for the beauty we see in the world around us. Thank you for the time we have had this year to appreciate nature and get outdoors.

Help us to find ways to better protect the environment. We pray especially for the forests in America and Russia that the fires would soon be extinguished.

Lord of the harvest, we thank you for the farmers who have continued to work throughout lockdown so that we may have food to eat. Forgive us for the times we take our meals for granted and help us to remember those who have less.

We pray for food banks as they continue to provide food to those who cannot afford it. Bless and protect those who volunteer and may those who find themselves in need of support not feel ashamed to ask for help.

As Christ Church prepares to run an online Alpha course this autumn, bless and inspire those involved. Be with us Lord as we welcome our guests virtually and may there be no technical issues in our way.

We pray for all those meeting you for the first time or returning to faith in these difficult times. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and feel your love in their lives.

Those who are sick especially: Manal Al-Badish, Julia Bamford, Ghazi Chehaib, Chris and June Eddershaw, Mary Edwards, Jane Heaton, Tina Holland, Rose Marville, Roger Millard, Daphne Simpson, Rosemary Singer, William Staight, Anne Standish, Pam Swan, Jane Weston, Keith White, Paul and Zak.

The bereaved, especially friends and family of Mary Sambrook.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5 NIV)