



## Christ Church Notice Sheet 6 September 2020

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### **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](mailto:christchurch-covid19-outreach@outlook.com)

### **8am Holy Communion back this week!**

8am Holy Communion will be restarting in Christ Church on **Sunday 6th September**. It will be the usual calm service without singing and the necessary precautions according to government guidance. Social distancing will be observed, please wear face coverings unless you are exempt from doing so.

Christ Church Without Walls will continue to provide the 10.30 worship online.

### **Steve Osmond's funeral**

Due to Covid-19 Steve's funeral will be a small affair, on Monday the 7th September at 3pm. However it will be streamed live, if you wish to follow it you can find details by clicking on this link:

<https://www.christchurch-cheltenham.org/steve-osmond-s-funeral>

It will be available on the day and anytime after that for 28 days.

### **FUNdraising opportunities**

#### **Ride+Stride – 12 September**

Ride+Stride is a nationwide event supported by the National Churches Trust but organised by local historic churches trusts. With lockdown restrictions easing and churches re-opening, we are planning our Ride+Stride event on 12th September 2020. For details of how to get involved, see the [23 August notice sheet](#).

#### **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.

If you would like to support either of these appeals, you can find out how on this webpage:

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

#### **Being equipped for Everyday Faith – 3 October 9.30-17.30**

You are invited to be part of a special online Festival of Everyday Faith bringing Christians together from every worshipping community to equip them to live out their faith any time, any place. Gathering together from all over the diocese this festival will explore different ways to become confident in what it means to be a Christian in everything we do – work, rest or play.

For more details and to book your place, visit:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/everyday-faith-2/>

## **Heritage Open Days**

Christ Church is hosting a talk as part of this year's Heritage Open Days in September. War Widows and The Whishes by Neela Mann will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> at 3.15pm and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 3pm. The talks will last 45 minutes and there are 6 places for each (may be adjusted if social distancing allows). Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. For more details and other events, see this webpage: <http://www.cheltenhamcivicsociety.org.uk/events/hods/>

## **Stations of Creation celebratory Walk (from St Thomas More's, Cheltenham GL51 7RA)**

On the evening of Friday 11th September: along the lines of Stations of the Cross, the quiet one-hour walk will include seven stops, or Stations: at each there will be a short reading from Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home), and some moments of reflection and prayer. Contact Martin Davis for more details on this and weekly prayers: [cheltenham@greenchristian.org.uk](mailto:cheltenham@greenchristian.org.uk)

## **Individual Prayer**

As per government guidance, churches are now able to open their doors for individual prayer. Christ Church will be offering this service in a safe and sensible manner Wednesdays 10am-11am. This is a weekly session, and numbers will be limited to allow for social distancing - look out for signs showing the way around church and places where you can sit. Please also wear a face covering when inside church, unless you are exempt from doing so.

## **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](http://www.give.net/Christ_Church_Chelt) - Thank you!

## **PRAY FOR:**

We pray for change in our attitude to towards the wonderful world God have given us. May God inspire us to amend the way we live our lives for the sake of the earth and all her people.

We pray for a spirit of tolerance and understanding between people, whatever their race, nationality and beliefs. We pray for those who are so desperate that they put their lives at risk to seek refuge in the UK.

We give thanks that schools have re-opened this week; for all the teachers who have been working so hard to get them ready for children to return.

We give thanks for many talents discovered and nurtured these past few months. Let us use these new skills to do God's work in our community and the wider world.

We pray for those for whom lockdown has been particularly hard, thinking of the lonely and victims of domestic abuse. We pray also for anyone who has lost or fears losing their job and for business owners facing collapse.

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, Steve Osmond and Gift Terera.

**Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power (Ephesians 6:10 NIV)**