

# OUTREACH

FEBRUARY 2020



**Christ Church Cheltenham**

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*Front cover: Dee and Jack Rice on Christmas Day 2019 - see page 5*

# REV MIKE SANDERS WRITES...

## LENT – TIME FOR AN MOT?

A friend of mine once suggested that just as once a year we take our car to the garage for an MOT and Service, so Lent is a good time for a spiritual MOT. It's a helpful analogy.

We know that if we fail to MOT or Service our car, eventually it will cease to function properly. An MOT and Service is a sensible thing to do.

So also in our spiritual lives. And my friend was more specific:

M, he said, stands for Money.

The Lord, wrote St. Paul, loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). When did we last review our giving to God and his church, and all those charities that crave our support?

O stands for Others.

We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves. Are there friends or people in our family we have failed to care for, or failed to forgive? Are there people to whom we need to give a helping hand? Is it time to volunteer to help as a street pastor, with the local food bank, or some other activity?

T stands for Time.

Time for God spent in prayer, or even Time for ourselves so that we do not succumb to over-busyness, but lead a balanced life.

Lent begins later this month as Ash Wednesday falls on 26th February. Can we use this season creatively for God?

But one last thought, what is the purpose of all this?

When I collect my car from the garage after an MOT, it always feels better, and I feel more confident as the driver. So the purpose of a spiritual MOT is not to make us feel guilty, but to equip and renew us as confident Christian servants.

Michael Sanders



*You are warmly invited to our*

## **Spring Termly Prayer Meeting**

**Pittville School, Albert Road  
Cheltenham GL52 3JD**

*by kind permission of the Head, Richard Gilpin*

**Monday 3rd February 2020**

**Arrivals from 7.25pm for 7.45–9.30pm meeting**

*Worship, prayer and speakers with focus on:*

**Inside Christian Unions and  
Prayer Space in Schools**

*Prayer in groups or at silent prayer station including  
for your own schools or educational concerns*

*Plus time to meet other Christians involved in schools  
Your friends are very welcome!*

*Cake, Coffee and Tea provided  
(Bring your own reusable mugs)*

*For more information contact  
Nikki Seville: [nikki.cpfsn@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.cpfsn@gmail.com)*

## CHRISTMAS DAY RETIREMENT

Dee Rice has just completed 37 years of helping to administer Holy Communion. She officially retired on Christmas Day morning and received a bouquet of flowers and loud round of applause from the congregation, to say “thank you”.



It was Rev John Harwood who persuaded Dee to take on the role. She recalls being nervous and feeling “not good enough” until he took her into Church and knelt down at the rail so she could practise by handing him the Chalice. This helped to give her confidence.

She says: “Then a letter arrived in January 1983 from the Bishop of Gloucester, stating I was allowed to ‘assist in the distribution of the Holy Sacrament at Christ Church Cheltenham’.”

The photo here shows Dee and husband Jack with Bishop Bob Evens after the Service on 25th December 2019.

## RIDE-AND-STRIDE LEADS TO GRANT

A grant of £4,000 has been awarded to Christ Church by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust. The money will go towards the cost of the new boiler installation.

Being part of the Ride-and-Stride day on 14th September last year qualified us to be able to apply for a grant. Many thanks to Barbara and Arthur Lucas, Sarah and Francis O'Meara, Amanda Whitefield, Colin Masey and Tony White for volunteering on the reception desk, welcoming riders and striders to Christ Church on that Saturday.

We now hope to build on this success by applying for other funding from elsewhere.

Katy Bleasdale

## OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

Do you ever look at our church's website? I've been designing and managing it for several years and always felt it vitally important to keep the website very current. To achieve this, one of the tasks I do is to update the Services on the Home page of the website once a week. Also on a weekly basis, Virginia Mullan in the Church Office adds the Notices, and once a month the Outreach Magazine.

Sermons and readings from most Sunday mornings are recorded by Dave Norman. He then edits them and sends them to me for uploading. They can be found on the Sermons page.

I would encourage you to look at our website regularly if you have internet access, as you may well find information there that is helpful to you. There are details about groups, news, and activities as well as a very detailed history section that has recently been added to, which includes a World War I Roll of Honour section.

Any events happening within our church community are also displayed on the website, but of course this is reliant upon my being kept informed in the first place, which is one of the reasons for this article. If you are organising any relevant activities, please don't forget to let me know and we can publicise them free of charge.

As a point of interest, the visits to the church website from Google searches for the last two years have consistently been more than a thousand per month! Keeping everything on the website fresh and up-to-date gives visitors to our pages a broader view of our church life and may even encourage newcomers through our actual rather than just our online doors.

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Martyn Young

## THE EDITOR STEPS ON STONES OF LOVE

At this time of year there are plenty of greetings cards in the shops for Valentine's Day, encouraging us to send messages of love to one another. I wonder how many of us go to great lengths to show God our love for him?



On the shores of the Sea of Galilee in modern times someone decided to carve a number of large pebbles there into heart shapes. When I visited the area some years ago I was told this had been done by a Franciscan friar, and that could be true as the Catholic Church of the Multiplication is sited nearby.

The path of these stepping stones used to begin where waves on what is actually a freshwater lake were lapping at the shoreline. Due to recent climate changes the waters have shrunk somewhat, leaving the works of art looking forlorn: their message having become lost on the beach.

The fact there are six stones is deliberate. The artist wanted to draw attention to Chapter 21 of John's gospel and the story of the resurrected Jesus appearing to the disciples, and in particular Peter, in that place.

You may remember, as written in Matthew Chapter 26, how Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, through fear. The lakeside encounter offered the first subsequent opportunity for the pair to have a proper conversation.

In terms of drama and storytelling, this scene makes for a brilliant ending to the whole Gospel of John, as Peter hastens to meet his risen Lord and make peace.

Jesus asks Peter three times: *"Do you love me?"* and the answer is not only *"yes"* but also: *"You know that I love you."*

So the Franciscan carved three stepping stones to represent the questions, and three for the answers. Collectively they demonstrate on one level how Peter's sin was wiped out and washed away, and on another level how God still likes to receive our messages of love, even though He already knows what is in our heart of hearts.

# FRIENDSHIP CLUB

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

On Wednesday 12th February Clarissa Malpass will be joining us with her informative talk: *“Tax, Care, and Toy Boys”* this will offer advice as part of a Co-op initiative to give back further to communities. The topics covered include; Wills, Lasting Power of Attorneys and Inheritance Tax. Clarissa will be available to answer any questions you may have.

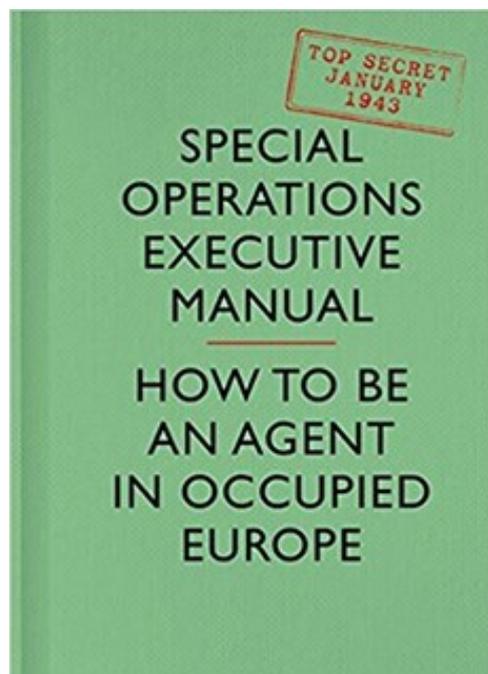
Then on Wednesday 26th February we will be welcoming Bob Skelt as our speaker. He will be telling us all about: *“Spies in History.”* This interesting talk will range from the activities of Sir Francis Walsingham, Elizabeth the First’s spymaster, to the heyday of spying in World War II. Bob will be describing to us what spies do and why they do it.

Was Mata Hari a spy? – Maybe we will find out! We will also learn how and why all the spies that the Nazis sent to Britain in the Second World War were apprehended.

Our talks take place in the Harwood Hall from 2.30-3.30pm and cost £1.00 to attend. Everyone is most welcome. On the same days each month, before lunch, we also offer a keep fit class, which is free, but only available to people who attend Friendship Club. This starts at 11.30am and lasts for 45 minutes.

Our Friendship Club Lunch starts at 12.30pm and costs £3.50. To book for this please call Tina Benney on 01242 512246.

Renate Young, tel: 01242 691385





## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB HOLIDAY**

### **28th JUNE–4th JULY 2020**

Do you want to have a holiday where you go with people you know slightly and want to get to know more?  
Do you want a nice organised holiday visiting lovely places?

Then come and join in with us staying in the Cavendish Hotel Exmouth on The Esplanade, overlooking the sea

Find a friend to share with or be brave and go with someone new  
Twin rooms £424pp Seaview £37pp insurance £26  
All Ensuite and Hotel has a lift

Coach picks up from Christ Church, Malvern Road, GL50 2NU.  
We need 10 more people to ensure we have sole use of the vehicle

Outings included to: Dartmouth and Torquay; Teignmouth and Dawlish; Sidmouth and Seaton  
There will be two free days to do as you wish...  
maybe a train or river trip or walk 5 minutes into Exmouth town centre

Contact Sue Jenner, tel: 01242 692193, email:  
[suejenner@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:suejenner@blueyonder.co.uk)

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW VICAR: REV CANON SIMON HERON

Following a short-lived career as a scaffolder, and a longer one as a trader in the City of London, Simon Heron trained for the Anglican ministry between 2005-2007 at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. He served his curacy in Rochester Diocese, before moving to North Essex in 2011 where he has been Vicar of three churches, Honorary Canon attached to Chelmsford Cathedral, and Area Dean of the Harwich Deanery.



Simon would describe himself as a classic extrovert who is enthused and stimulated by being around others. He has a particular passion for seeing children and young people coming to know Jesus, and finding fresh and innovative ways to communicate the gospel. He is a keen cook and songwriter, but says his ambition sometimes overshadows his talent!

He is married to Gill, who has been a primary school teacher and currently works with a charity providing pastoral and spiritual care in schools. They have three children: Christopher 26, who is married to Megan (the couple will be living in Sheffield), Benjamin 24 (plays board games, programmes computers and enjoys Indian food), and Katy 16 (taking Art A level with Media diploma studies).

The family recently suffered the loss of Gill's father – please remember them in your prayers during this time of bereavement.



On a lighter note, there is news of a new adoption in the form of Bailey, a black Labrador dog, aged 8 months (current hobby: eating anything and everything). No doubt she will enjoy the Vicarage garden and being taken for walks in the Cotswolds.



All are excited at the prospect of Simon's new role in Cheltenham, getting to know the community at Christ Church, and for Christ Church getting to know them. Ideally over coffee or pizza.

The plan is for the house move to happen after Easter. So be prepared to offer a warm welcome, and make sure this very important occasion is in your diary: Licensing Service for our new Vicar, Wednesday 6th May 7pm at Christ Church.



## **FETE GET-TOGETHER**

Our Fete this year will be held on Saturday 20th June – the first day of Summer! Sounds a long time away, but the months will pass by quickly and there is a lot to be done beforehand.

Anyone who does anything towards the success of our Fete is therefore invited to the Harwood Hall on Wednesday 4th March for a get-together plus simple buffet 7.30-8.30pm.

This is so we can enjoy some social time as a “thank you” in anticipation of your hard work, and also to help the organising team establish who is doing which tasks and when. Even if you only help for an hour or so on the day of the Fete, we will be delighted to see you at this planning event.

Shirley Collins, tel: 01242 696094, email: [artseccles@googlemail.com](mailto:artseccles@googlemail.com)

## **INSIDE-OUT: ENCOUNTERS**

This weekly Wednesday night course exploring life through faith and art has two more dates to run, on 5th and 12th February. If you missed the earlier sessions, but would like to attend, it is in the Harwood Hall from 7.15-9pm, with refreshments provided.

Nikki Seville

## LETTER FROM ANGELA SMITH

Dear Family at Christ Church

Thank you for all your love and support when my dear Mike died, and thank you for all your lovely cards, they are most appreciated. Around £660 was collected for the Fabric Fund in his memory.

With love, Angela

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### FUNERALS

**John Large**, died on 13th November 2019, aged 88 years. His funeral was taken at Christ Church on 5th December by Rev Roger Widdecombe.

**Mike Smith**, died on 19th November 2019, aged 80 years. His funeral was taken at Christ Church on 9th December by Rev Peter Sibley. Mike is remembered fondly by all his many friends and colleagues at church.

**Allan Roberts**, who lived in Alstone Croft, died on 30th November 2019, aged 86. His funeral was taken by Andrew Judge at the Crematorium on 20th December.

**Wendy Lodge**, who worked for 25 years at CLC on the support staff as a non-resident matron, died on 16 December 2019, aged 62. Her funeral was taken by Andrew Judge at the Crematorium on 10th January.

**Helen Wright**, was living in St Faith's, where she received regular home communion visits from us, when she died on 2nd January 2020, just two days shy of her 90th birthday. Her funeral was taken at Christ Church by Andrew Judge on 22nd January 2020.

***Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who is grieving***

### BAPTISM

**Matilda Mary Boey**, a daughter for Chris and Rebecca and a sister for Annabel, was baptised at Christ Church on 12th January 2020.

***We welcome Matilda into the Lord's family.***

## COFFEE CONCERT 23RD FEBRUARY

Gifted pianist Jacob Costard is a family friend of Ian and Penny Kirkwood. Only 14 years old, he has already passed his Grade 8 piano and is also an accomplished organist. This year he hopes to spend time in Mexico with the charity Amor, as part of a programme run by Urban Saints: building homes for homeless families. He has to raise funds for travel costs and building materials.

He is performing this concert to help reach his target. We also have a signed copy of *Beethoven The Man Revealed* by John Suchet which will go to the highest bidder. Please come, bring your friends, enjoy some beautiful live music, and help get Jacob to Mexico!



Beck Donaldson

## BUDGET SUNDAY PRESENTATION : 19th JANUARY 2020

During 2019 the congregation gave £138,900 to keep the Church running. To all who contributed in any way, on behalf of the PCC: "Thank you very much". The amount given in 2019 exceeded that given in 2018 by 4%, or by over £5,000. To have an increase during a vacancy is quite remarkable. All the more satisfying because it is the first increase we have known for five years.

For 2019 we set ourselves a challenging break even budget, because during 2018 we had experienced a substantial fall in our reserves, which we could not afford to see repeated. We did not do quite as well as budgeted for, and expect the deficit to be about £4,000 when the accounts are finalised. A £4,000 reduction in our reserves. To put this into context, for a number of years now, the PCC has set a target range within which it would be comfortable for its reserve funds to be. That range is £25,000-£75,000. If the floor was any lower, a year like 2018 would have the potential to wipe us out. If the ceiling were any higher, we could be accused of stockpiling money, akin to the rich fool we hear about in the Bible. The provisional deficit for 2019 will result in our reserves falling from £48,000 to £44,000. So we are a bit below the mid-point of our target range.

In setting the budget for 2020, where we have to make forecasts, we have taken the approach of predicting income and spending levels on a status quo basis. It is appropriate to avoid any radical changes during a vacancy, leaving them for consideration once the new Vicar arrives. So the budget allows for a 3% increase in collections and donations. We hope that during 2020 the new giving initiatives we have introduced, including giving by credit or debit card, or by text, will tap into some new sources of giving and help us meet this target.



**CHRIST CHURCH CHELTENHAM  
BUDGET FOR 2020**

The draft budget proposals are shown below, with brief explanatory notes where appropriate:

	<b>2019 Budget (£)</b>	<b>2019 Provisional Outcome</b>	<b>2020 Budget (proposed )</b>	<b>See note</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Collections and Donations	150,000	138,900	142,000	1
Hall Rental Income	36,000	37,200	36,000	
Matched Income	8,000	8,000	8,000	
Other Income	8,000	11,000	8,000	
Parish Weekend Income	-		-	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£202,000</b>	<b>£195,100</b>	<b>£194,000</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Parish Share	(103,527)	(103,500)	(102,740)	2
PCC Giving to World Mission	(7,500)	(7,000)	(7,250)	3
Salaries (incl. NI, Pension and staff costs)	(37,500)	(36,600)	(38,000)	4
Utility Bills	(16,000)	(16,200)	(16,500)	5
Fabric	(8,000)	(4,900)	(8,000)	
Matched Expenditure	(8,000)	(11,000)	(8,000)	
Other Expenditure	(20,000)	(18,700)	(18,000)	
Parish Weekend Expenditure	-		-	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(£200,527)</b>	<b>(£197,900)</b>	<b>(£198,490)</b>	
<b>Income Minus Expenditure</b>	<b>£1,473</b>	<b>(£2,800)</b>	<b>(£4,490)</b>	
Depreciation	(£1,380)	(1,200)	(£1,750)	6
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) after Depreciation</b>	<b>£93</b>	<b>(£4,000)</b>	<b>(£6,240)</b>	

**NOTES**

1. Donations are assumed to benefit from the use of card readers for visitors to church and the hub.
2. The Parish Share in 2020 will be reduced by £760 from 2019, in recognition of our youth work in the community (Family Time).
3. Giving to World Mission will be 5% of donations, plus the proceeds of the fete.
4. The National Living Wage has increased by 3.33%, which has been reflected in the appropriate salaries from 1st January. Other salaries were increased similarly.
5. Utility bills should benefit from the more efficient boilers, but we have little data to go on.
6. Depreciation will include the card readers



We also trust our regular givers will continue support, prayerfully considering the level of commitment. We have allowed for known changes to our Parish Share contributions, which will actually fall by £760. This is in recognition, by the Diocese and the Deanery, of our youth work in the community, specifically the Family Time, initiated by our former curate, Rev Mike Smith.

The impact of the budget assumptions over the coming year would be a deficit of £6,240, which would reduce our reserves further to just under £38,000, but would still be within our agreed target range. The Budget Sunday figures herewith show consistency between the budget for 2019, what we actually experienced in 2019, and the budget for 2020.

The one area where we see a significant underspend is under Fabric. This may seem surprising in a year in which we have replaced the church boilers and dealt with squirrels chewing through many of the electric cables in the roofing area of the Parish Centre. This is because we tend to categorise such work as “development” rather than “fabric”, and the distinction between the two can be blurry.

Expenditure on development comes from designated or restricted funds, mainly from legacies, but also from occasional donations and grants. So in 2019 the Fabric team have worked really hard to deal with these Fabric and Development issues. We have benefitted from a very generous volunteer labour force, some very friendly mates rates where our professional team have gone more than the extra mile, alongside outside contractors for the larger structural elements of the work.

During the year the Development Fund received legacies grants and donations of very nearly £100,000, and has paid out just over £80,000 on the new boilers, including asbestos removal, repairing the squirrel damage, and the hall roof. The fund carried forward for future work is just under £50,000, which is much smaller than the cost of potential ideas for spending it!

Following a review of our internet banking operations we decided to switch our main accounts to another bank. The largest residual issue from this is that we would like those who support us by standing order to switch their giving method. Standing orders will be paid into an account maintained entirely for that purpose, ensuring we can protect the privacy of individual gift records. We will not be introducing a similar account with our new bank, because transaction details would then be visible to all of the internet bankers, and we need to protect the privacy of donors’ giving records.

So we are now asking everyone who currently supports us by standing order to consider switching their support to give through the Parish Giving Scheme, a national arrangement running since 2008. Individual letters have been prepared to each supporter using standing orders to explain the changes. The Parish Giving Scheme is the most efficient and secure way for us to receive donations, including gift aid claims, and we would like all of our regular givers (not just those giving by standing order) to use it.

Finally, please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Christ Church, and help us to meet our targets in the 2020 budget.

Philip Whitefield, Treasurer

Saint Cuthbert  
by  
Adrian Self



Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 7-8pm  
at Christ Church, Cheltenham

A cantata based on the medieval panel  
paintings in Carlisle Cathedral

performed by 10 RSCM Gloucestershire choirs  
plus dancers; Sara Harris (piano), Tim Ingold  
(organ), Pam Smith (percussion)

conducted by Jonathan Hope

Tickets £10 from your church choir director or  
Email Fiona Brown [fmb\\_soundmatters@gmail.com](mailto:fmb_soundmatters@gmail.com)





# FEBRUARY

## 2nd SUNDAY – Candlemas

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP: Rev Mike Sanders
- 10.30am Parish Communion [organ/choir]: Rev Mike Sanders
- 6.30pm Special Service for Candlemas: Andrew Judge
- 3rd Mon 1.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
- 7.30pm Hall Management Meeting in the Malvern Room
- 4th Tues 7.45pm Worship Committee in the Malvern Room
- 5th Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
- 10.30am Holy Communion BCP
- 7.15pm for 7.30pm: Inside-Out Encounters (5) in the Harwood
- 9.00pm Hall (see page 11)

## 9th SUNDAY – Third Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion CW: Rev Simon Witcombe
- 10.30am All-age Worship [group]: Amanda Thiselton
- 10th Mon 1.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
- 7.30pm Finance & Standing Committee in the Music Room
- 11th Tues 7.45pm Evangelism Committee at 17 Royal Parade
- 12th Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
- 10.30am Holy Communion BCP
- 11.30am Friendship Club Exercise Class in Music Room
- 12.15pm
- 12.30pm Friendship Club Soup & Cheese Lunch: Harwood Hall
- 2.30pm Friendship Club in the Harwood Hall: Tax, Care and Toy Boys - Clarissa Malpass
- 7.15pm for 7.30pm: Inside-Out Encounters (6) in the Harwood
- 9.00pm Hall (see page 11)

## 16th SUNDAY – Second Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP: Rev Paul Youde
- 10.30am Parish Communion: Rev Mike Sanders

17th Mon 1.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall  
 19th Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch  
 10.30am Holy Communion BCP



**23rd SUNDAY – First Sunday before Lent**

10.30am Morning Worship: Angela Smith  
 3.00pm Coffee Concert by Jacob Costard  
*(see page 13)*

24th Mon 1.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall

26th Wed **Ash Wednesday**

10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch  
 10.30am Holy Communion BCP  
 11.30am Friendship Club Exercise Class in the Music Room  
 - 12.15pm  
 12.30pm Friendship Club Soup & Cheese Lunch in  
 the Harwood Hall  
 2.30pm Friendship Club in the Harwood Hall: Spies in  
 History - Bob Skelt

**MARCH**

**1st SUNDAY – First Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion BCP: Rev Steve Gray  
 10.30am Parish Communion: Rev Steve Gray

2nd Mon 1.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall

3rd Tues 7.30pm Fabric & Organ Committee in the Music Room

4th Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch

10.30am Holy Communion BCP  
 7.30pm Fete Get-together in the Harwood Hall, for all  
 - 8.30pm helpers. Refreshments provided *(see page 11)*

**The season of Lent is a time when new Christians are traditionally prepared for baptism and confirmation.** If you are interested in being baptised or confirmed then please do talk to Amanda Thiselton 07884 370925.

Missed the collection plate?  
 TEXT **CHURCH** to **70450** to give **£10** to Christ Church PCC.  
 This costs £10 plus a standard rate message

# ORGANISATIONS AND LEADERS

## For young people:

**Playgroup:** 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday.

christchurchplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk or phone 243021 / 07989 124492

**Crèche:** Sundays from 10.20am in the Alstone Porch

**Sunday Morning Children's Groups** Anna Laszlo 581593

## Uniformed Organisations:

**Rainbows:** Thursday 5.00pm in Bayshill/Lansdown Maureen Jones  
517183

**Brownies:** Thursday 6.00pm in Harwood Hall Maureen Jones 517183

**Guides:** Thursday 6.15pm in Bayshill/Lansdown Maureen Jones 517183

## For adults:

**Baby & Toddler Group** for Mums (& Dads!) with pre-school children

Monday 1.30pm-3.15pm in the Harwood Hall

Sarah O'Meara 513067

**Coffee Morning** every Wednesday, 10am - 12noon in the Alstone Porch

Dee Rice 231764

**Friendship Club** - Lunch Club & Afternoon Tea Meetings on 2nd & 4th

Wednesdays in the Harwood Hall

Tina Benney 512246

## Music for Worship:

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Tim Ingold

01452 524199

**Trebles and choir practice, in the Music Room**

Friday 6.30-8pm Trebles rehearsal

7.30-9pm Choir rehearsal

**Worship Group:** Beck Donaldson:

01451 860561

## Our Mission Partners:

Wendy Phillips (The Matilda Project) [matildaproject@gmail.com](mailto:matildaproject@gmail.com)

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### **OUTREACH MARCH ISSUE**

Copy to Shirley Collins at [artseccles@googlemail.com](mailto:artseccles@googlemail.com) or to the  
Parish Office by no later than Sunday 16th February please.

# WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

## ***Sunday***

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** - a said service  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays (Prayer Book)  
2nd & 4th Sundays (Common Worship)

10.30am 1st Sunday **PARISH COMMUNION CW**  
2nd Sunday **FAMILY SERVICE**  
3rd Sunday **PARISH COMMUNION CW**  
4th Sunday **MORNING WORSHIP**  
5th Sunday **MORNING WORSHIP**

The children are in church for the first few minutes of each service, and then leave for their Sunday teaching groups.

***Scramblers (Key Stage 1), Explorers (Key Stage 2) and Pathfinders (Years 7-9)*** meet during each 10.30am service except Family Service.

**CRECHE** available each Sunday morning for the under 3s.

6.30pm Christ Church hosts occasional 6.30pm evening services:

The next 6.30pm Sunday evening service will be a special service for Candlemas on 2nd February.

## ***Monday to Friday***

8.45am **MORNING PRAYER**  
This is a wonderful way to start the day. You'd be very welcome to join the small group who enjoy the benefits of Morning Prayer. We meet for about half an hour.

## ***Wednesday***

10.30am **HOLY COMMUNION BCP**

**HEMEGROUPS for Bible Study & Fellowship**  
meet regularly on different days of the week.  
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