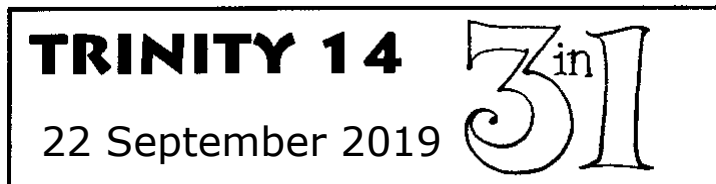
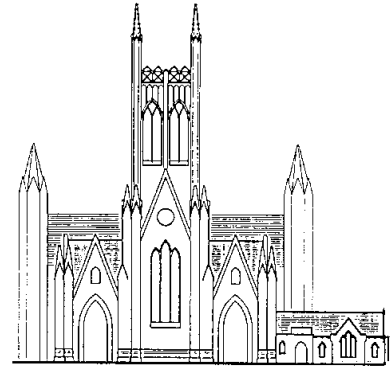


Christ Church Cheltenham



Arrangements for Today

8.00am **Holy Communion CW**

10.30am **Morning Worship**

(See separate Order of Service)

- There are **crèche facilities** in the Alstone Porch (back left of church). If you have young children please feel free to use them.
- Activity Bags for children to use in church (esp. 2's-5's). Please ask a Sidesperson for one & return afterwards.
- Large print bibles are available: please ask a churchwarden.
- *Anyone who would like to receive personal prayer, simply come to the back of church after the service and a member of our Prayer Team will be there to pray with you.*
- Coffee served after the service in the Harwood Hall.
- *Christ Church does not hand around a collection plate, but always needs funds to support its life and mission. If you would like to support Christ Church financially you'll find a plate for your offering at the back of church. Thank you.*

There will be no 6.30pm service this week

If anyone would like to see the photos taken during morning worship on 8th September please see Beck Donaldson (bythepiano@gmail.com) for the link

Arrangements during the week

Mon	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
23rd	1.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
	7.45pm	Pastoral Team meets in the Music Room
Tues	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
24th		
Wed	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
25th	10-12	Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
	10.30am	Holy Communion BCP in church
	11.30am-	Friendship Club Exercise Class in the Music Room
	12.15pm	
	12.30pm	Friendship Club Salad Bar Lunch: Harwood Hall <i>Book beforehand with Tina Benney: 512246</i>
	2.30pm	Friendship Club in the Harwood Hall: My Donkey Friends - Eileen Parker
Thurs	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
27th	10.30am	Homegroup at Park Gate, Park Place
	6.45-8.15	Trebles' rehearsal in the Music Room
	7.30-9pm	Choir rehearsal in the Music Room

Next Sunday - Fifteenth after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP: Rev Julia Hook
10.30am	All-age Harvest Festival [group/organ: Amanda Thiselton]

PLEASE NOTE that the Cheltenham Half Marathon is taking place next Sunday, 29th September, and some roads will be closed between 7am and 1pm. See www.cheltenhamhalf.co.uk or ring 01884 841892 for details of staggered road closures.

ARE YOU CONFIRMED?

Were you baptised as a child, but have not confirmed those promises made on your behalf for yourself? I am happy this Autumn to prepare any adults who'd like to explore Confirmation. Please get in touch 01242 515631. Michael Sanders.

A warm welcome for all our visitors and newcomers

If you would like further contact with Christ Church, please do complete one of the white cards in the pew and hand it to a Sidesperson.

CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

The choir have been invited to sing Choral Evensong at the Cathedral on **Saturday 5th October 2019**. The service is at 4.00pm. We are running a coach leaving the church at **11.30am** and hope to return about **7.30pm**. We have seats available for anyone from the congregation wishing to have a day out. **Cost £7**. First come first served. Please contact Tony White after a service or ring 01242 527521 or email: tony-diane.white48@sky.com

AUTUMN TEACHING COURSE (9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th October)

On Wednesday evenings during October Bishop Bob Evens will be leading us through Chapter 8 of Luke's Gospel.

The opportunity to spend four evenings focussing on just one chapter of the Bible enables us to sense how the issues and challenges facing Jesus were similar to those we face in our own lives as disciples today.

Bob served as Bishop of Crediton in Devon before retiring to Charlton Kings in 2012. He leads Quiet Days and Retreats at Lee Abbey and Scargill House and loves to open the Bible in combination with paintings, poetry, music, and space for silent prayer.

Each Wednesday evening coffee will be served from 7.15pm and Bishop Bob will begin speaking at 7.45pm. **All are welcome to attend and there is now a sign-up list at the back of church.**

CHELTENHAM HALF MARATHON - SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

Philip Whitefield will be running in the Cheltenham Half Marathon in aid of Christian Aid's Syrian refugee project. 6.5 million people have been displaced in Syria, with millions more fleeing into neighbouring Lebanon and Iraq. The project is match funded on a 6:1 basis by Bread for the World, so that £5,000 raised becomes worth £35,000 to the project.

Donations may be gift aided.

Please pass donations to Phil, or donate online at the Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/philip-whitefield>

MATILDA PROJECT - SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

Our mission partners at the Matilda Project provide a very basic porridge breakfast each morning to 2,500 Aids orphans in Zimbabwe schools.

On Sunday 6th October we will be serving a porridge breakfast with trimmings and tea/coffee from 9am in the Harwood Hall. Donations please for the Matilda Project. £2.50 covers the cost of your breakfast, an extra £10 provides a child with a daily breakfast for a month. No need to sign up.

We thank God:

- For those working to ensure that our environment is not further damaged by the effects of human greed, selfishness and thoughtlessness. We pray that God will move each of us to do what we can to minimize the effects of climate change and the risk of even greater damage.
- For the work that goes on in our own community to help the homeless and desperate. Thank you for the work of Samaritans, of the Foodbank and those who run it. We pray for the continuing work of the Cheltenham Committee for the Homeless.
- For those who lead our corporate life here at Christ Church: those who lead worship, those who staff the Parish Office, the Playgroup and its leaders, our Church Council members and all those who run our various activities. We pray that they may find fulfilment in what they do and that that we should not expect of them more than they can give.

We pray for:

- The long drawn out war in Afghanistan, where the failure of US talks with the Taliban have led to an increase in attacks and thus in civilian casualties. Pray for fresh impetus to seek peace and sustain it.
- The political situation in Israel as attempts are made to form a new government following a stalemate in this week's general election. Pray that uncertainty may not lead to an increase in violence.
- The increased tension in the Gulf following the drone attacks on Saudi oil facilities. Pray that US claims of Iranian responsibility, whether true or not, are not used as an excuse for further acts of violence by any of those involved. Pray for an end to the war in Yemen, which has led to so much suffering for ordinary people there.
- The constitutional crisis in the UK. We pray for respect for the rule of law, for wisdom and modesty on the part of all: the Queen, the Prime Minister and his government, members of parliament on all sides, and for the judges of the Supreme Court. We pray for the future of the UK's relations with the EU and its member states, especially the Republic of Ireland.
- Peace in Northern Ireland especially as the events of Bloody Sunday are raked over again.
- Those involved in the next stages of the vacancy process here at Christ Church. We pray for those you may be calling to explore a future with us.
- The sick and those who mourn, both those we know and whom you have laid on our hearts, and those you know though we do not. May they find peace and healing in your presence. We pray for Manal Al-Badish, Julia Bamford, Graham and June Banfield, Kim Caswell, Martin Chapman, Ghazi Chehaib, James Dawes, June Eddershaw, Sarah Harrison, Sarah Hudson, Rose Marville, Roger Millard, Sue Potter, Daphne Simpson, Rosemary Singer, Anne Standish, Jane Weston and Mike Westgate. We pray for the family and friends of Pam Hughes and Patricia George.