



Christ Church Notice Sheet 03 May 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

Feeding the 5000 is also a source of support for those who need food, visit <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/feeding-the-5000/> for information on how to order meals or donate to the project:

Opportunities for Prayer

Andrew Judge leads a **Morning Prayer** service Monday-Friday 9-9.30am on Zoom. The first half comprises confession/absolution, a psalm, an OT reading and an NT reading. This is followed by a time of open or silent prayer. As this is only a short service, those joining are kindly asked to join at 9am, but you are welcome to join whichever days work for you. Please get in touch with Andrew if you would like to take part.

Anna Laszlo is holding a **Prayer Meeting** on Monday 11th May at 8.15pm, also on Zoom - contact Anna for more details.

Zoom is very simple to use, and is available both through the app and website. You will receive a link from Andrew or Anna, and clicking that will give you access to the meeting.

There is also a way to get prayer over the phone! The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus. **Daily Hope**, is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 and offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

Green vision for Christ Church



Climate Change is not on hold while we deal with Coronavirus, and so it is important that we continue to look after our planet. Christ Church's Environment Committee is looking for new members to boost our efforts on this matter. If you would like to help make the church and our community greener, get in touch with Sarah O'Meara (francisomeara@hotmail.com).

If you would like some inspiration of what more you could do at home, see www.earthday.org/

Everyday Faith Event - Save the Date



What difference does being a Christian mean to us as we live out our ordinary day-to-day lives? This Everyday Faith event is for all those who spend most of their time out in the community whether working, studying, caring, volunteering – whatever it is that people do when they are not gathered together doing things with and for the church community.

There will be a variety of workshops on offer. Some will be aimed at 16 plus and adults, others definitely about adult life, still more around faith amongst families and mixed aged groups. The aim is that everyone who attends will leave with one thing they would like to do or try themselves, and another that they would like to share with the wider Christian community in your area. Alongside the workshops there will be a market place where those who produce materials and resources to enable whole life discipleship will be able to inspire us further.

The event will take place at Cheltenham Racecourse, 3 October 2020, 9.30am to 4.30pm. If, nearer the time, there are still restrictions in place or, of course, we have any concerns over safety, the event will be postponed. The price will be confirmed in due course, but will not be more than £22 (£15 for early bird tickets) per person.

For more information and to register interest at this stage, please go to:
<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/everyday-faith/>

Text to support Christ Church

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. Thank you!

Please pray:

For God's love and comfort to cover the world in this time of crisis.

For wisdom for our leaders making crucial decisions on how to protect us from the virus and when to lift restrictions.

For those who need the most help through this crisis, may they receive their daily bread.

For those who are alone during these difficult times, may they feel Jesus' presence.

For protection for NHS staff, carers and all the key workers.

For the sick: Manal Al-Badish, Julia Bamford, Kim Caswell, Ghazi Chehaib, June Eddershaw, Mary Edwards, Tina Holland, Rose Marville, Roger Millard, Sue Potter, Steve Osmond, Daphne Simpson, Rosemary Singer, William Staight, Anne Standish, Jane Weston and Keith White.

For the families of the bereaved, especially those of Janet Foster and Elizabeth Widdows.