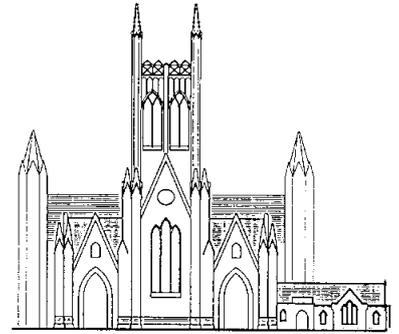


# Christ Church Cheltenham



## Arrangements for Today

8.00am     **Holy Communion CW**

10.30am   **All-age 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 churhwarden.*
- 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.
- **Monthly Sale in the Harwood Hall after the service**, raising money for *The Samaritans*. **Zaytoun Sale:** *Palestinian olive oil and dates. [The next sale will be on 10th November] Coffee served.*
- 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.

6.30pm     **Choral Evensong BCP**

Preacher:   Andrew Judge

Readings:   Psalm 144

              Nehemiah 6:1-16

              John 15:12-27

Hymns:      tba

*Pew Bible p.601*

*Pew Bible p.470*

*Pew Bible p.1023*

# Arrangements during the week

Mon	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
14th	1.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
	7.30pm	Hall Management Meeting in the Malvern Room
Tues	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
15th	7.45pm	Worship Committee in the Malvern Room
Wed	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church in church (side chapel)
16th	10-12	Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
	10.30am	Holy Communion BCP in church
	7.45pm	Autumn Teaching Course (2): Bishop Bob Evens leading us through chapter 8 of Luke's Gospel. Coffee from 7.15pm.
Thurs	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer in church (side chapel)
18th	10.30am	Homegroup in the Malvern Room
	6.45-8.15	Trebles' rehearsal in the Music Room
	7.30-9pm	Choir rehearsal in the Music Room
Sat	10.30am	Coffee Concert 'In Praise' in church - see opposite
19th	4-6pm	Family Time @Gloucester Road School. All welcome; Free

## Next Sunday - Eighteenth after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP: Rev Simon Witcombe
10.30am	Parish Communion CW [group/organ/choir]: Rev Michael Garland

**There are copies of a message from our Bishops amid the ongoing turbulence and uncertainty regarding Brexit, at the back of church**

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Sidespersons' Meeting**

Wednesday 6th November, 6.30 for 7pm (finish at 8.30pm)  
in Lansdown/Bayshill Rooms.

Rotas - are you willing to continue? Still the best Sunday for you?  
Volunteering for Christmas Services

Wine and Nibbles      Sarah - 01242 513067 & Barbara 07912 345056

**BAKE OF CHALLENGE:** The Diocese is holding its very own Bake Off competition. Children of all ages and adults are invited to bake and decorate a cake or biscuits. The theme is their LIFE vision, so please create and decorate your cake or biscuits in a way that represents it. To find out more and to enter the competition, please visit the website or contact Emma Anderson: eanderson@glosdioc.org.uk / 01452 835512.

### **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.

**COFFEE CONCERT 'IN PRAISE':** Saturday 19th October, 10.30am by Christ Church Choir, directed by Tim Ingold, organist Dr David Ponsford. Admission by donation to Christ Church Fabric Fund. Coffee & cake afterwards. **BAKERS WANTED!** If you can contribute please see Beck (bythepiano@gmail.com).

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** At 6.30pm on Sunday 3rd November, we host our annual Memorial Service. During the service we will light an individual candle for everyone who has had a funeral through Christ Church in the past year. We'll remember each person by name, and pray for their family and friends. There'll also be the opportunity for you to nominate other names for us to remember. **Please clearly write their name and yours on the sheet at the back of church.**

### **CHRISTIAN AID AUTUMN FAIR**

St Andrew's Church, Montpellier on  
Saturday 9th November, 10.30am - 1.30pm. Free entry.

Cake stall - Auction of Promises  
Jams and Preserves - Gifts and Toys - Books - Coffee shop

Hot and Cold Lunches £5.00 (available from 11.30)

Money raised will go towards their project to help Syrian refugees in Iraq and Lebanon. Donations will be matched £6 : £1!

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB HOLIDAY**

Cavendish Hotel Exmouth, Sunday 28th June to Saturday 4th July 2020, 7days...6 nights. Twin rooms still available:

£424 (twin share) Single Supplement £39

Twin room with sea view £37pp extra. [Insurance £26]

Pick Up Christ Church, Malvern Rd, Cheltenham GL50 2JH

Sue Jenner 01242692193 [sejenner@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sejenner@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **Family Light Party @Gas Green Baptist Church**

Wednesday 30th October 4.45 – 6.00pm with Tom Elliot Comedian and Magician as part of his Joyride Tour. Primary school children must be accompanied by adult. More info: [minister@gasgreen.org.uk](mailto:minister@gasgreen.org.uk)

**PARTY INVITATION:** Saturday 9th November, 2-5pm at All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham, GL51 0WH

A free party for all to come together and celebrate being part of the Diocese of Gloucester. Entertainment includes sports games, storytelling, choirs, iSingPop, circus skills etc etc. Also a chance to grill the Bishops in a special Question Time session! Free food including a hog roast, vegan burgers, soup, popcorn and lots of cake.

**` a life lived in the presence of God will be a life full of thanksgiving `**  
**Tom Wright**

- Thank God for friends and family who help us when times are hard
- Thank God for Jesus' life-changing work in people's hearts and for people from different communities and countries who go the extra mile to help people in need
- May we be full of gratitude to God for the extraordinary things he's done in Jesus and the remarkable things he is continuing to do in the world and in our lives
- Pray for people who hold the world together by their rule, leadership and authority, and give thanks for the work they do on our behalves
- Thank God for prayers answered

**Prayer in secret:**

*'when you pray, go into your own room, shut the door, and pray to your father who is there in secret. And your father, who sees in secret, will repay you'.* Matthew Ch 6

- May our prayers be done simply to and for God himself. What we are in private is who and what we really are.

**Ask, Search, Knock:**

*'Ask and it will be given to you! Search and you will find! Knock and the door will be opened for you!'* Matthew Ch 7

- May we believe Christ's promises and act on them, staying thankful for Gods' most generous and sparkling generosity.

**Persistence:**

*'because of your shameless persistence, he will get up and give you whatever you need'* Luke Ch 11

- May our prayers be insistent and asking, full of holy boldness like a sharp knocking on the door.

**Searcher of Hearts:**

*'The spirit comes alongside and helps us in our weakness. We don't know what to pray for as we ought to; but that same spirit pleads on our behalf, with groanings too deep for words.'* Romans Ch 8

- God can hear and answer the prayers which we only know as painful groanings. May we pray prayers beyond prayer and allow the spirit to work within us.

**Prayer with mind as well as spirit:**

*'I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the mind as well.'* 1 Corinthians Ch 14

- Pray that our minds will think through and come to know for ourselves what God wants us to do and be.

**Practical Prayer:**

*'Pray that God will give me his words to speak when I open my mouth'* Ephesians Ch 6

- even though we don't know how prayer works, it is something practical which we can continue to do, and without it, things stop happening.

**Prayer for the sick:** for Manal Al-Badish, Julia Bamford, Graham and June Banfield, Kim Caswell, Ghazi Chehaib, James Dawes, June Eddershaw, Sarah Harrison, Tina Holland, Rose Marville, Roger Millard, Sue Potter, Daphne Simpson, Rosemary Singer, Mike Smith, William Staight, Anne Standish, Jane Weston and Mike Westgate