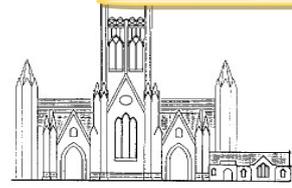


# Christ Church Welcomes the Heron Family!



## Christ Church Notice Sheet 5 July 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)

### **Prayer answered!**

Wendy from the Matilda Project spoke to us two weeks ago to ask us to join in praying for a safe way to get funds out to one of the projects. Coronavirus restrictions made usual arrangements impossible, and a backup emergency method that served in April and May also became unworkable. It looked as if there was no way to get funds through to buy essential food and health supplies.

Wendy emailed this week, thrilled by such a clear answer to our prayers. A new contact has found a way for transfers to be done safely. Wendy said:

*" So many thanks to Christ Church's people for taking on this need in their prayers. The Lord heard!"*

### **Would you like to present a children's slot in an online service?**

It would be wonderful to see some new faces! What would be needed is a short (4 minutes give or take) little chat, which goes in the main service, and then a few minutes of a craft or other activity which is added on separately for the "extended children's slot". Anna Laszlo would be very happy to discuss this in more detail with you to help you decide. Also, very open to someone providing just the chat, or just the craft activity! Please contact Anna on 07963 795 089 or [anna@laszlos.co.uk](mailto:anna@laszlos.co.uk) if you could be interested. She'd love to hear from you!

### **Public worship at Gloucester Cathedral**

Daily public worship will re-commence at the cathedral this Sunday. The Cathedral Eucharist will take place every Sunday at 10.15am and on each weekday Monday to Saturday, there will also be a short service of Holy Communion at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

All worship will be offered in accordance with government and church health and safety guidance. If you wish to attend, please send an email to [prayers@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:prayers@gloucestercathedral.org.uk) to indicate your attendance (before or after the service) stating clearly your name/s and contact details in order to comply with the track and trace process.

### **All lives can't matter until black lives matter**

Takisha Sargent, a young person in the Diocese of Gloucester, shares why all lives can't matter until black lives matter. She says, "I'd like to take this time to tell you about the honest realities of what it's like to grow up in England black." You can watch Takisha's message by following this link:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/all-lives-cant-matter-until-black-lives-matter/>

## **Bishop Rachel in the House of Lords**

Bishop Rachel asked the government what plans they have to work with faith communities to address violence against women. You can see the transcript of this discussion on this page:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/lords/?id=2020-06-25a.355.4&s=internet>

## **Tic + Chat**

A new anonymous, one-to-one telephone/online chat drop-in service for children and young people struggling with their mental health launched last week. Tic+ Chat (pronounced tic chat) is for young people aged between 9 and 21 years old who need someone to talk to and is available for the next 12 months. See the website for more details:

<https://ticplus.org.uk/ticpluschat/>



## **Dial A Prayer**

The Church of England free phone line - Daily Hope- offers daily worship and prayer. Good for those on their own. Just ring 0800 804 8044.

## **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.

## **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!

## **GIVE THANKS FOR:**

The vision of those who founded the National Health Service and for all who have served within it

The arrival in Cheltenham of Simon and Gill Heron, may they know your blessing on them

## **PRAY/ASK FOR:**

Those nations who lack the health care with which we are blessed, especially the people of Yemen

All who work in health care, as well as those who work in medical research

Unite our nation across class, ethnic background and religion. May we be good neighbours. Help us to strive for justice, truth, and equality, valuing one another as your children. Make us good stewards of the world you have given us. May your Church be a source of hope, help and healing in a needy world.

Those who are sick especially: Manal Al-Badish, Julia Bamford, Ghazi Chehaib, June Eddershaw, Mary Edwards, Jane Heaton, Tina Holland, Rose Marville, Roger Millard, Sue Potter, Steve Osmond, Daphne Simpson, Rosemary Singer, William Staight, Anne Standish, John Swan, Jane Weston, Keith White and Zak.

The bereaved, may they know God's comfort

**Inwardly we are being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16 NIV)**