



## Christ Church Notice Sheet 31st January 2021

### 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)

### Pastoral Care

If you, or someone you know, is in need of pastoral care, please call Tina Benney on 01242 512246 or Rev Simon Heron on 01242 515983.

### Daily Morning Prayer

Although the Christ Church building is not open for services at the moment, you can still join us for Daily Morning Prayer online. It takes place from 9-9.30am on Zoom. There is no commitment to come every day - just come as and when you can. Email Andrew for more information, and for a Zoom link to join the meeting ([andrew.judge50@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.judge50@gmail.com)).

### #YouAreLoved

As we begin February, and head towards Valentine's Day and then Lent, It's a good opportunity for us as a church family to express our love and appreciation to our family and friends, neighbours and community and to remind each other that God has an amazing love for us all.

As part of this initiative, we'll be inviting our children's groups and children at the primary schools in the parish to make hearts to be pinned on to the notice board outside the parish centre. If you'd like to be involved in making hearts of any size, colour and display them in your windows at home, in your garden or at place of work, have a look at the Gloucester Diocese website where you can find hearts available to be printed and cut out

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Hearts-of-love.pdf>



You could also send a 'You Are Loved' postcard to a friend, neighbour or a local school, care home or business to express your appreciation for them and remind them of God's love. Postcards are available from the Vicarage or inside the porch to the Parish Centre - there are plenty to go around!

### Open Doors UK - Send Hope to Persecuted Christians

As mentioned in the children's spot this week, you can write or send drawings to persecuted Christians worldwide through the charity Open Doors UK. There's lots of inspiration and guidance for writing on their website <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/letter/>



### Let's Be Clear

Let's Be Clear is a campaign for clear face masks and clearer communication across Gloucestershire. 'We want it to be easier for people who rely on lip reading and facial expressions to communicate and connect – people who are deaf or hard of hearing, people with a learning disability, a speech difficulty, autism, dementia, or English as a second language are particularly affected'. For more information, please visit <https://www.letsbeclearcampaign.org/>.

Bishop Rachel has signed an open letter to Gloucestershire as part of this campaign. To read the letter, you can find it at <https://www.letsbeclearcampaign.org/open-letter/>.

### Engaging with Everyday Faith Course

Do you have a faith? Does it make a difference to how you live your life day to day? This course will help you to take time out and consider ways that you can make shifts in our everyday lives. With Lyn Weston and Pauline Godfrey. Tuesdays 19 January 2021 and 9 February 2021, 7:30pm - 9pm on Zoom. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3oFakxi>

## Parenting for Faith - Online Course

Are you a parent, Godparent, grandparent? Are there children in your life? Do you want to help children know God for themselves, and develop their own relationship with Him? We and other churches are joining St Paul's Cheltenham, which is hosting an online "Parenting for Faith" course. Five 90-minute evening sessions, starting Monday 18th January. We'll be watching the videos together, and then splitting into breakout sessions with other people from our own church to discuss and pray. Talk to Anna if you'd like more details ([anna@laszlos.co.uk](mailto:anna@laszlos.co.uk)). For more information, and to sign up, visit <http://www.stpaulscheltenham.com/parentingforfaith>.

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## Personal Shapes for Living

Have you ever wondered how to grow and develop as a follower of Christ? How to find your own way for living life to the full? Personal Shapes for Living, using some the principles of the Seeking Shapes for Living Course, offers you the chance to walk alongside a mentor or encourager to explore how you might grow in faith as a lifetime journey. **Sign up now** and you will be matched with a mentor/encourager who will help you look at your life through the lens of Everyday Faith. Or **get in touch** if you would like to be an encourager/mentor. See this webpage for more information: <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/perosnal-shapes-for-living/>

## Support Christ Church financially

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. You can also give any amount online by visiting the [http://www.give.net/Christ\\_Church\\_Chelt](http://www.give.net/Christ_Church_Chelt) - Thank you!

## Prayers

We give thanks for the efficiency and progress of the vaccination programmes in our town and in our country. We ask you Lord to be with our leaders that they may justly, fairly and effectively continue to distribute vaccines here and across the world.

We pray for all those who have lost loved ones to Covid 19.

We pray for our children and young people whose learning and early lives have been so disrupted. Grant to parents a sure knowledge of thy love, that they may guide their children with courage and faith. We pray the plans to reopen schools may be prepared and implemented carefully by authorities, schools and teachers.

We pray for the ministry of Rev'd Simon and Gill, our readers, the administration of council and the faithful work of our wardens, musicians and choir.

We pray for Joe Biden, President of the USA and his administration striving to unite that divided nation and working to implement a programme to tackle the virus there.

We pray for the people of Russia and all nations around the world seeking peace, justice and freedom.

We pray for the work of the Ras Morbat Clinic in Aden, Yemen.

With the fear of a resurgence of terrorism in Iraq, we pray for the congregation of St George's Bagdad led by Canon Faiz Jerjes. Dear Lord bring thy peace to the Middle East.

We pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Chris and June Eddershaw, Jane Heaton, Tina Holland, Grace Hood, Colin Inward, Rose Marville, Dee Rice, Ros Saunders, Daphne Simpson, Rosemary Singer, Tim Smith, Topsy Southgate, William Staight, Anne Standish, Jane Weston, Keith White and Hazel.

We pray too for the bereaved.

**'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'** Psalm 19:14 NIV