

OUTREACH

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Front cover: Ian Kirkwood, Vice Chair of PCC (see pages 4 & 5)

THE EDITOR RAMBLES ON

One of the enjoyable aspects of producing this magazine is the chance to meet members of our church family and find out more about them. This month I caught up with Ian Kirkwood to discuss his role during the vacancy (see pages 4 and 5).

May has to be one of my favourite months of the year and there is plenty happening. If you like early mornings, why not celebrate Ascension Day with the choir at Gloucester Cathedral? See page 7. The Christian Arts Festival is now in full swing; several members of our church family are taking part in John Swan's The Sower (page 13), and Alpha is underway. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Later in the month we will be prayer visiting in the parish. Jennie Preece decided to get involved for the first time last year and shares her experiences on page 6.

Looking ahead to June, Bishop Rachel will be at our 10.30am service on 2nd Sunday.

Whatever you get up to in May, have a good month.

Susan West

THY KINGDOM COME

This is a huge global wave of prayer from Ascension (30 May) to Pentecost (9 June). Christians from across the world are praying the line in the Lord's Prayer that asks "Thy Kingdom Come".

When we pray that line we're praying for the world to be healed, for relationships to flourish, for an end to war and hatred and for God to rule with justice, peace and love. We're praying for the people that we know and love to come to know Jesus Christ and for their lives to be completely transformed by his joy and truth. If you're excited by the thought of the power of prayers from across the globe and Christians standing together for love, you can be part of it.

Visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for help to focus your prayers.

Taken from the Messenger, published by the Diocese of Gloucester.

MEET IAN KIRKWOOD, VICE CHAIR OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

The PCC elected Ian as its Vice Chair after the recent Annual Parish Church meeting. Outreach caught up with Ian over a cup of coffee.

What does the Vice Chair do?

“The key role is to chair the PCC and the Finance and Standing Committee when the vicar is not available, in our case during the period of vacancy. I’m responsible for the PCC and its business. This means setting agendas, chairing the meeting and overseeing the sub committees. I also have some responsibility for our employed staff. I’m getting up to speed with the heating project to replace the boilers, which looks like it will be more complicated than we first thought.

The churchwardens and I will work closely together. Sarah and Barbara are responsible for the day to day running of the church, its pattern of worship and maintaining the vicarage. I aim to be objective and will listen to the diverse opinions we have, but ultimately I want to bring people together.”

What are your thoughts on the period of vacancy?

“I think it can be a positive experience. It’s an opportunity for the congregation to grow and for some to take on new roles. At the same time I don’t want people to be pressurised and we must take care that our churchwardens and Readers are not overburdened. The vacancy is a time to think creatively and realistically about what we do and what we don’t. There’s a lot of activity at Christ Church; we may not be able to continue doing everything.”

What happens next?

“The first piece of work the PCC will undertake is to create a parish profile. This document paints an honest, realistic and enticing picture of who we are, where we’re going - our hopes and dreams for the future. We’re thinking about how to involve the whole congregation and get its views. Our PCC is meeting on 29th April to discuss the next steps. Please pray for this important process and those involved in producing our profile.”

Can you tell us something about you?

“I came to Cheltenham in 1965 and worked at GCHQ for 41 years. St Mark’s was my local church and I became a Christian there in November

1965. Penny had grown up in St Aidan's and after we married in 1970 we both worshipped there. At St Aidan's I ran the choir for almost 25 years and occasionally led services. We came to Christ Church in 2004. Initially I welcomed the chance to sit back and worship God without being busy. After a while Tim asked me to be Group Life Co-ordinator and I did that for four years.

I started singing with the choir at midnight communion and was invited to join them in Gloucester Cathedral. They seemed to tolerate my singing and I've been a member of the choir since 2013. I thoroughly enjoy it; I'm honoured to worship God in this way and find it an enriching experience."

What family do you have?

"There are five generations of us as my Mother is in her late nineties. Penny and I have two children. Our son has five children and two grandchildren – so I'm a great grandfather. My daughter is getting married later this year."

You're a School Governor at Christ Church Primary School

"I had no work experience in education but wanted to give something back to the community. The school is aligned to the church but not part of it. I've been a governor for 4½ years and chair the Finance and Premises Committee. I'm also a GCSE exam invigilator at Pittville School."

How else do you spend your time?

"As well as choral singing and music, I enjoy theatre (especially the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford), the Birmingham Royal Ballet and opera. I'm a model railway enthusiast and take my own railway to exhibitions. We enjoy taking holidays on the beautiful mountainous coast of the Dingle peninsula in Ireland."

Quickfire questions

Bach or Mozart? Mozart just

Winter or summer? Summer

Cat or dog? Dogs, preferably cocker spaniels.

Tea or coffee? Coffee

Marmite – love it or hate it? Hate it.

Ian has a strong sense of optimism and a desire to bring people together, which bodes well for the months ahead.

PRAYER VISITING IN OUR PARISH

This year our prayer visiting takes place in the last two weeks of May. It's a time when we visit some of the homes in our parish, explain who we are, having let them know in advance that we are coming, and ask if there is anything people would like us to pray for. All the prayer requests will be brought to God at a special service on 9th June.

We asked Jennie Preece to describe her experience prayer visiting last year.

"Following the PCC Away Day in March 2018, I felt God gently nudging me to become more involved in doing my part to 'nurture and encourage the growing edge of the family of faith'. And this led me to volunteer to join the prayer visiting team.

What was it like? Well, it was definitely stepping out of my comfort zone! I had never done anything like it before and approached my first time in fear and trepidation. However, all new people are partnered with an experienced person and in my case this was Tim. This certainly removed the fear from the situation and on my first day, I went round in Tim's shadow, smiling and handing out prayer visiting service cards as needed. I found that people were generally nice to us. Those who were too busy or not interested made this clear, often very politely, and we moved on. On my second time I felt brave enough to make some of the initial approaches.

And the positive responses? Well, sometimes people had a quick think and came up with a generalised prayer request for world peace, but more often it was a request for prayer for the health of a family member or dear friend. Sometimes they wanted to talk about a difficult situation and just being there to listen was all that was asked of us. And sometimes the person was lonely and welcomed the chance for a chat.

Prayer visiting is just stepping out in faith to be the body of Christ to the people in our parish. Try it, and experience the rewards for yourself."

Jennie Preece

Look out for sign up lists in church or speak to Anna Laszlo or Bill Hews if you would like to take part this year.

JOIN THE CHOIR IN GLOUCESTER FOR ASCENSION DAY



On 30th May at Gloucester Cathedral at 7.00 am (yes 7.00am!)

Ascension Day Eucharist sung by the Choir of Christ Church, Cheltenham. Directed by Timothy Ingold. Service setting Darke in F.

Eucharist in the Quire followed by a procession to the Cathedral Green as Jesus ascends to heaven the Choir ascends the Tower to sing out across the city rooftops.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Memorial Service

Bryan Dixon died on 26th March 2019, aged 81. Bryan had been worshipping with us for about 10 years and was a member of one of our homegroups. His memorial service was taken by Rev Julia Hook on 9th April and was followed by a cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium.

Ann Vick died on 1st April 2019, aged 84. Her funeral service was taken by Rev Julia Hook at Cheltenham Crematorium on 23rd April. We are very grateful to John Read, who regularly brought Ann to church in her wheelchair.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who is grieving

FRIENDSHIP CLUB TALKS FOR MAY

On Wednesday 8th May our entertainment will be provided by the welcome return of Rose Hewlett who always provides us with an entertaining and enlightening afternoon. This time her talk will be "The History of the House".

Then on Wednesday 22nd May Nigel Cound will be bringing along his beautiful hawks and telling us about the work he does with them. You may even have seen them flying around Lansdown.

The talks take place in the Harwood Hall from 2.30pm until 3.30pm and cost £1.00. Afterwards you are welcome to have tea and homemade cake for a small charge.

We also offer a free keep fit class. The class is only available to people who also come to Friendship Club. The class starts at 11.30am and lasts for 45minutes. Come along and have fun and get fit!

CHEL滕HAM PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS NETWORK



You are warmly invited to our Summer Celebration
on Monday 20 May,
arrivals from 7.25pm for 7.45-9.30 pm meeting
St. Edwards Senior School, Cirencester Road,
Cheltenham GL53 8EU
by kind invitation of Headmistress Mrs Clayfield

Worship, Thanksgiving Testimonies
prayer in groups and at prayer stations, prayer for your own school or
educational concerns

followed by... a delicious spread of puddings!
Time to enjoy meeting other Christians involved in schools
Do come and bring your friends.

Autumn Meeting: 7 October at St Mark's C of E Primary School

For further information please contact Nikki Seville at
nikki.cpfsn@gmail.com

TIM WRITES....

Very dear Christ Church family,

Thank you so much for our magnificent send-off. As I said at the time, it felt like we were being floated off into new challenges on a tide of goodwill. This is something which is genuinely priceless – thank you.

Thank you for not just one but for two send-off parties. Thank you to Sarah and Barbara and their teams, thank you to Ned and India for the bar and for the ambient music. Thank you to everyone who came. It was striking, wasn't it, that our MP Alex Chalk felt able to stay for so long on the Saturday evening, despite no doubt drowning in Brexit. That was testimony, I felt, to the lovely atmosphere you created. A super idea, too, about Earth Hour. How beautiful – and how environmentally appropriate – to do so much of the Saturday evening by candlelight.



Then not just one but two send-off services. Special thanks to the 8 o'clock team for their faithfulness to that calm, peaceful act of worship – especially on a morning when they had lost an hour's sleep. It was memorable that the lectionary served up Jesus' parable of the prodigal son – what an honour and privilege to read that on a last Sunday. It is a core text for that beautiful thing that is the gospel of Christ.

And thank you to everyone for the 10.30 service. Thank you to Sue [Jenner] for offering to be sacristan and for characteristically baking her own bread for the occasion. Thank you to Amanda [Thiselton] for leading

the first half of the service, and for all the care and preparation she put into it. Special thanks too to Sue [Mayfield] for writing and sourcing the beautiful ‘liturgy of leaving’.

Thank you Anna [Laszlo] for co-ordinating the engaging farewell from the children. I will long remember opening that box and pulling from it that unique chain of paper people all representing one of the children at Christ Church. Thank you!

Thank you to Katy [Bagnall] and to Andrew [Judge] for their lovingly prepared farewell speeches. Sue [Mayfield] unlike me always has to carve out an identity and role for herself. I – again – am stepping into a clearly-defined role. But it takes so much more courage and oomph to create a role out of nothing. Katy you did a beautiful thing in gathering up all the many varied riches of Sue’s contribution to the life of Cheltenham and giving it voice. And thank you Andrew for doing a similarly rich thing for me. Very much appreciated.

Thank you Sarah [O’Meara] and Barbara [Lucas] for presenting the fine booklet you had made for the occasion. Special thanks to Ros [Cresswell] for the artistic skill in designing front and back cover, and thank you to you all for everything you wrote in the book. We will treasure it. And all this before we have thanked you from the bottom of our hearts for the extraordinarily generous collection you made – thank you.

Thank you Tim [Ingold] and Beck [Donaldson] for yet more inspirational music. Special shout-out to April [Perrott] for her beautiful singing of ‘Faithful God’. Thank you for all your cards, gifts, and good wishes. We have all the cards, and all the bunting, and all the wine ready to enjoy in quiet moments once we’ve settled in up North.

Many kind things were said to me about leaving big boots to fill. I’m genuinely not sure about that. I often had a sensation that Christ Church was just that bit too big a job for me. I don’t blame you for that – it’s more about my temperament I think. But my successor will undoubtedly bring different gifts and skills to the party. I’m so intrigued to find out who it will be! You, they, and the whole process will be in my prayers.

Fare well, dear friends,

Tim

MICHAEL PERHAM CATHEDRAL LECTURE

On Monday 3rd June, 7pm, University Chapel, Francis Close Hall, Swindon Road GL50 4AZ

Lecture by Canon Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James' Church, Piccadilly. The lecture is called 'The silence of the damned?' - is there space for public and shared silence in contemporary multi-faith Britain? Book free tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-2019-michael-perham-university-cathedral-lecture-tickets-58636944680>.

CHEL滕HAM SCIENCE FESTIVAL 4TH-9TH JUNE

Learn about your body from the inside out with the diocesan team at the Cheltenham Science Festival. You can try out our lung capacity experiment, make your own DNA into a bracelet, look through our microscope and enter into conversations about science and faith. If you're interested in volunteering to help, contact Emma on eanderson@glosdioc.org.uk.

Both the above items taken from the Messenger, published by the Diocese of Gloucester, available at <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/>

ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE

This year Christ Church Fete will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 13th July - a future date for your diary! Many of the usual stalls will be available, with space for a few new ones, indoor entertainment, plus a few surprises. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon. Offers of help on the day or in advance of this summer fundraising event for missions and charities will be most welcome. Contact Shirley Collins, tel: 696094, email: artseccles@googlemail.com.



Arts Trail Encounters 2019

Shows, Workshops & Talks



Encountering God through The Covenants

Shiloh Levi, Deborah Harrison and Knit & Natter Group

25 April–12 May, St Peter's Church, Winchcombe

Preview: 24 April, 7.30pm

The Human Story, Louis Parsons

25 April–12 May, University Chapel, Francis Close Hall
Artist Talk: 9 May, 6–7pm

Celia Bennett and Students

26 April–12 May, Holy Apostles Community Hall & Call
Preview: 26 April, 7–8pm

Make your own Silver Beaded Jewellery with Michael Dean

27 April, Discover DeCrypt, Gloucester

Encounters Art Exhibition:

Competition Entrants

27 April–5 May, The Hub Gallery, Christ Church
Celebration View with PJ Crook: 27 April, 12 noon–3pm

Images of the Divine –

Sieger Köder: Discussion

28 April, 2.30–5pm, St Paul and St Stephen Gloucester

Explore & Discuss: Inside-Out Visual Artists

30 April & 2 May, 5.30–6.30pm, The Sober Parrot

Inside-Out Exhibition:

9–13 May The Gardens Gallery
Celebration View: 9 May, 6–8pm, Artists Talk: 7pm

Is Beauty in the Eye of the Beholder?

Illustrated Talk with David Trapnell

30 April, Nature in Art

Talk on New Altarpiece by PJ Crook MBE

2 May, 7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, Bishops Cleeve

Mono Print Workshop

4 May, Discover DeCrypt, Gloucester

She Is... Mixed Media canvas workshop

with Angie Walsh

4 May, C3 Church

Raise the Roof with Art Shape, Paul Hobbs & Maria van-Tintelen

6–11 May, Cheltenham YMCA

Preview: 3 May 6–8pm

Come, Draw, Explore with Sarah Griffiths and Eleanor Lee

An exhibition of drawings

3–11 May, St Luke's Church

Opening Evening with Music: 3 May, 6–9pm

Invisible Threads

6–11 May (not 8 May), C3 Church

Celebration Opening: 5 May, 1.30–3pm

Encountering Gospel Women in Paint with Professor Philip Esler (University of Gloucestershire)

9 May, The Wilson

Imaging the Story – Inspiring Visual Art and Poetry from the Bible

9 May, Discover DeCrypt, Gloucester

The Art of SoulScaping Painting Workshop by Louis Parsons

10 May, University Chapel Francis Close Hall

Contemporary Floral Art Workshop with Celia Bennett

11 May, Holy Apostles Community Hall

'Have a Go' Art Day, West Cheltenham Churches

11 May, St Barnabas Church Hall

Iconography Experience

11 May, Bentham Church

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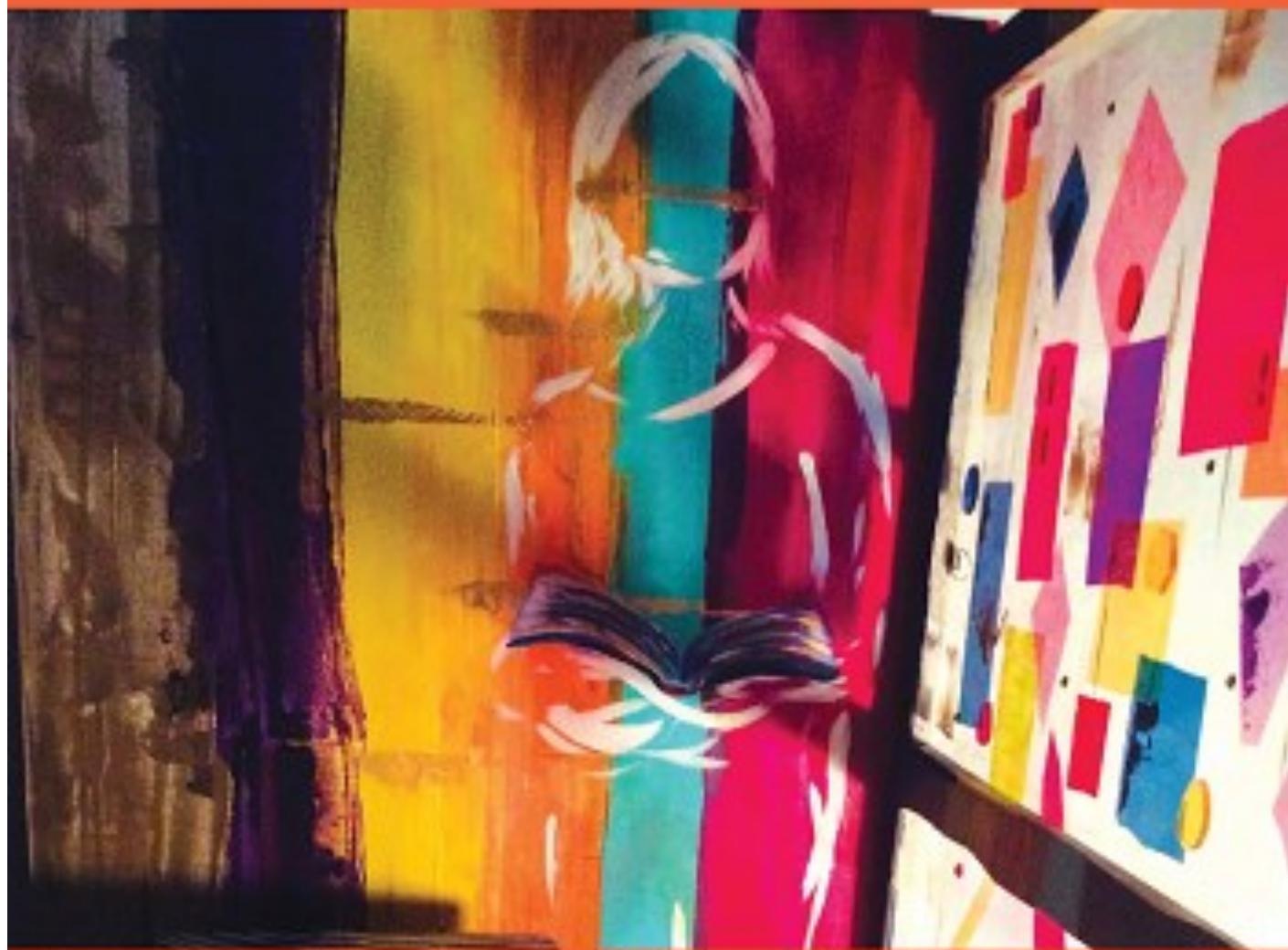
The Sower: Encounters with Jesus



By John Swan | Actors from churches across Cheltenham

Sunday 5 May, 3pm **Balcarras School**

Saturday 11 May, 7.30pm **C3 Church, The Pavilion**



Encounter Jesus afresh through drama, music and live testimony.

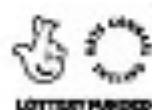
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For Christians and for anyone curious about the Christian faith.

Donations at the event. No need to book.

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'ALL MUMS SHOULD LIVE': JEBBEH'S STORY



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Jebbeh washes her hands in Sawula village in Pujehun district, six hours south from the capital, Freetown.

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggles with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice. She had to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

A gift of £300 could provide a delivery bed for a new health centre giving mums a safe place to deliver their babies. We need your support now,

CHRISTIAN AID AT CHRIST CHURCH

If you can help with house-to-house collections, please see Mandy Whitefield, or call her on 07880 715200. There will be a Big Brekkie (full English) on Sunday 12th May in the Harwood Hall between the 8.30am and 10.30am services. To give an idea of numbers, please sign the list at the back of church, or contact Mandy as above. Please also support the Sunday stalls after the 10:30am service on 12th May, which will be in aid of Christian Aid.

FAREWELL TO KIWOKO

Corrie Verduyn, who has been our CMS mission partner for the past seven years, sends her final letter.

Dear friends,

At the time of writing, I have been back in the UK for just over two weeks as I have now retired from my job at Kiwoko Hospital.

I spent seven years working at Kiwoko, based in a Christian community. Invariably, when you leave such a place it generates various reflections over the things that have been done over the years. Some people have asked what I achieved (a very western question indeed!) while others asked "have I done what I came to do?" It is not easy to answer such questions. What I do know is that the maternity and gynaecology units are now very different from seven years ago. That is not only attributable to me but something that the whole of Kiwoko Hospital can take pride in.

The biggest changes have been in personnel; in 2012 there were only two or three midwives on duty at any given time but now it is six or seven. That makes it possible to deliver a much better quality of care. All staff are now midwife-trained and Kiwoko Hospital has its own midwifery training school.

There have also been significant changes in the local economy. Most of our mothers previously came to the hospital on the back of a motorbike, but now increasingly travel by car. We have also seen a significant rise in difficult-to-manage cases, making it important to ensure that the quality of care we offer will continue in the future.

Over the years I have organised regular staff training workshops for midwives, which has improved both their skills and confidence. Midwives are at the frontline of medical care and the first to deal with most emergencies. I am proud to say that they are now very good at this at Kiwoko. Fewer midwives are looking for jobs elsewhere and it's easier to reach a higher skill level if there is not such a big staff turnover.

The farewell party with the team of midwives and Dr Mushin (we had a great party!)



For me personally, this is a time of transition. Not only have I left Kiwoko but it is also the end of my medical career. My future is a completely open book, although I do need to relearn western culture and catch up with the latest advances in technology.

At the time of writing, I don't have a place to live – although some positive developments are underfoot – and I don't yet know what I will be doing with my time. However, there is one thing I do know, and that is that God has not finished with me. He created me, he shaped me, he brought me to Uganda and he is faithful to the end. My prayer is that I will be where he wants me to be and see what can be done from there. One of my favourite Bible verses remains Psalm 138 v8, which speaks of God's faithfulness and of purposes that will be fulfilled: "The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me. Your love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not abandon the works of your hands."

May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you for praying for me regularly and supporting my work financially.

With love, Corrie



May
2019

- 1st Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
10.30am Holy Communion BCP
7.00pm Alpha 2 in the Harwood Hall
2nd Thur 7.30pm Christian Arts Festival Concert in church

5th SUNDAY – The Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP: Rev Mike Smith
10.30am Parish Communion
6th Mon May Day Holiday - *parish office closed*
7th Tues 7.30pm Fabric & Hall Meeting in the Music Room
7.45pm Evangelism Meeting at 17 Royal Parade
8th Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
10.30am Holy Communion BCP
12.30pm Friendship Club Salad Bar Lunch: Harwood Hall
2.30pm Friendship Club in the Harwood Hall:
The History of the House - Rose Hewlett
7.00pm Alpha 3 in the Harwood Hall
8.00pm Christian Arts Festival Talk in church
11th Sat 9.30am Clergy/Readers' Meeting in the Malvern Room

12th SUNDAY – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion CW: Rev Mike Smith
10.30am All-age Worship [group] with Baptism:
Amanda Thiselton
12 noon Shortened Holy Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong BCP [Choir/Group]: Angela Smith
13th Mon 1.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Music Room
15th Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
10.30am Holy Communion BCP
7.00pm Alpha 4 in the Harwood Hall

19th SUNDAY – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP: Rev Mike Smith
10.30am Parish Communion [organ/choir/group]:
Rev Canon Phil Andrew, Archdeacon of Cheltenham
20th Mon 1.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
7.45pm Pastoral Meeting in the Music Room
22nd Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
10.30am Holy Communion BCP

22nd Wed 12.30pm Friendship Club Salad Bar Lunch: Harwood Hall
 2.30pm Friendship Club in the Harwood Hall: Meeting the Hawks - Nigel Cound
 7.00pm Alpha 5 in the Harwood Hall

26th SUNDAY – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion CW: Rev Mike Sanders
 10.30am Morning Worship [organ/choir]: Rev Mike Sanders
 27th Mon Spring Bank Holiday - *parish office closed*
 29th Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
 10.30am Holy Communion BCP

JUNE

2nd SUNDAY – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion BCP: Rev Mike Smith
 10.30am Parish Communion [organ/choir/group]: Bishop Rachel
 3rd Mon 1.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
 5th Wed 10-12 Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
 10.30am Holy Communion BCP
 7.00pm Alpha 6 in the Harwood Hall



Photo credit: Christian Aid/Tom Pilstor

Jebbeh Konneh lives in Sierra Leone and is heavily pregnant. Her sister recently died in childbirth and Jebbeh fears she may be next: "I'm afraid. I pray God will help me to deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and we'll both be healthy." Read more about Jebbeh on page 14.

ORGANISATIONS AND LEADERS

For young people:

Playgroup: 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday.

christchurchplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk or phone 243021 / 07989 124492

Crèche: Sundays from 10.20am in the Alstone Porch

Sunday Morning Children's Groups Anna Laszlo 581593

Uniformed Organisations:

Rainbows: Thursday 5.00pm in Bayhill/Lansdown Maureen Jones
517183

Brownies: Thursday 6.00pm in Harwood Hall Maureen Jones 517183

Guides: Thursday 6.15pm in Bayhill/Lansdown Maureen Jones 517183

For adults:

Baby & Toddler Group for Mums (& Dads!) with pre-school children
Monday 1.30pm-3.15pm in the Harwood Hall

Sarah O'Meara 513067

Coffee Morning every Wednesday, 10am - 12noon in the Alstone Porch

Dee Rice 231764

Friendship Club - Lunch Club & Afternoon Tea Meetings on 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays in the Harwood Hall Tina Benney 512246

Music for Worship:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Tim Ingold 01452 524199

Trebles and choir practice, in the Music Room

Friday 6.30-8pm Trebles rehearsal
7.30-9pm Choir rehearsal

Worship Group: Beck Donaldson: 01451 860561

Our Mission Partners:

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OUTREACH JUNE 2019

*Copy to Susan West at susan.blackett1@btinternet.com or to the
Parish Office by no later than Sunday 19th May please.*

WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday

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| 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION - a said service 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays (Prayer Book) 2nd & 4th Sundays (Common Worship) | |
| 10.30am | 1st Sunday | PARISH COMMUNION CW |
| | 2nd Sunday | FAMILY SERVICE and at 12noon HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 3rd Sunday | PARISH COMMUNION CW |
| | 4th Sunday | MORNING WORSHIP |
| | 5th Sunday | MORNING WORSHIP |

The children are in church for the first few minutes of each service, and then leave for their Sunday teaching groups.

Scramblers (Key Stage 1), Explorers (Key Stage 2) and Pathfinders (Years 7-9) meet during each 10.30am service except Family Service.

CRECHE available each Sunday morning for the under 3s.

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| 6.30pm | Christ Church hosts occasional 6.30pm evening services. The next 6.30pm Sunday evening service will be a Choral Evensong on 12th May. |
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Monday to Friday

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| 8.45am | MORNING PRAYER This is a wonderful way to start the day. You'd be very welcome to join the small group who enjoy the benefits of Morning Prayer. We meet for about half an hour. |
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Wednesday

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| 10.30am | HOLY COMMUNION BCP |
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HOMEGROUPS for Bible Study & Fellowship
meet regularly on different days of the week.
Newcomers are always welcome.