



## Christ Church Notice Sheet 13 September 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)

### **8am Holy Communion**

8am Holy Communion is now back on Sundays at Christ Church. It is the usual calm service without singing and the necessary precautions according to government guidance. Social distancing will be observed, please wear face coverings unless you are exempt from doing so.

Christ Church Without Walls continues to provide the 10.30 worship online.

### **Steve Osmond's funeral**

Steve's funeral, which took place on Monday the 7th September, is available to stream online for the rest of the month. You can find details by clicking on this link:

<https://www.christchurch-cheltenham.org/steve-osmond-s-funeral>

### **FUNdraising opportunities**

#### **Christ Church Charity Walk – 19 September**

Phil and Mandy are organising a sponsored walk to raise money for the charities supported by Christ Church. There are 12-mile and 5.5-mile options, or you could raise money your own way if you prefer. See the [16 August notice sheet](#), or get in touch with Phil and Mandy for more details.

To sponsor those taking part in the walk or Ride+Stride, visit the following webpage:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TOd6UYAqA7dGx9QLyzV1tg45XKRgJXP6/view?usp=sharing>

### **Training from Cinnamon Network**

Over the past few months, churches across the UK have been rallying to support those within their communities impacted by Covid-19. As lockdown eases and the true cost of the pandemic becomes apparent, we believe that God wants the local Church to be at the heart of our nation's recovery.

All modules are delivered online, with an experienced trainer. They are completely free of charge and you can attend as many as you'd like. Through the modules, you'll gain practical support and advice so you can effectively respond to the needs in your community. Modules on offer include:

Race Diversity 1 and 2 - Thursday 17 September, 9.30am-3.00pm

Empowering Volunteers - Thursday 1 October, 9.30am-1pm

Explore Missional Listening - Thursday 29 October, 9.30am-1pm

Building Effective Partnerships - Thursday 12 November, 9.30am-1pm

Effective Leadership - Thursday 26 November, 9.30am-1pm

For more details, visit: <https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/cinnamon-training/>

## **Being equipped for Everyday Faith – 3 October 9.30-17.30**

You are invited to be part of a special online Festival of Everyday Faith bringing Christians together from every worshipping community to equip them to live out their faith any time, any place. Gathering together from all over the diocese this festival will explore different ways to become confident in what it means to be a Christian in everything we do – work, rest or play.

For more details and to book your place, visit:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/everyday-faith-2/>

### **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. Please also wear a face covering when inside church, unless you are exempt from doing so.

### **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!

### **PRAY FOR:**

Living God, thank you for our world and the beauty of nature which surrounds us. Thank you for providing so richly for our needs, and help us to share the good things we have with people who have little or nothing.

Thank you for the family of the church down the ages and across the world. Thank you that despite all the difficulties caused by Covid-19 we can still meet together as an online family.

Living God, we pray for our world facing terrible decline. Please help us to be mindful of the effects which the decisions we make will have on the integrity of the ecosystems on which we depend, and how our activity damages wildlife and nature.

We pray for peace justice, mercy and forgiveness on earth. We call for a just peace, reconciliation and full equal rights for all peoples sharing the Holy Land.

We pray that a successful vaccine will soon be developed against Covid-19. We pray for humanitarian and medical aid workers across the world as they work to provide continued relief and care which will reach those who need it most.

We pray for recent graduates struggling to find work and facing an uncertain future during the Covid crisis.

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

The bereaved, especially friends and family of Mary Sambrook, Steve Osmond and Gift Terera.

**The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still (Exodus 14:14 NIV)**