

Christ Church Notice Sheet 28th March 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, email 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.

Holy Week Services at Christ Church Cheltenham

Maundy Thursday – 7.30pm Communion Service
Good Friday – 2pm An Hour at the Cross
Easter Sunday – 10.30am Parish Communion

All our services in church will be done with measures in place to ensure social distancing and covid safety. Please wear a mask unless you are exempt.



Gloucester Cathedral Maundy Thursday Service

As Amanda mentioned in today's service, here is the link to Gloucester Cathedral's Maundy Thursday service, taking place at 11am on Zoom.

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/joining-the-maundy-thursday-2021-act-of-worship/>

Passion: A Good Holy Week

The Rt Reverend Stephen Cottrell speaks at St Paul's Cathedral about what makes a good Holy Week. He encourages us to live the events of Holy Week to the full. (Stephen Cottrell speaks from about 5:30 - 43:00 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Lh6acveRpU&t=2586s>

Daily Morning Prayer

Join us for Daily Morning Prayer online or in church. Email Andrew for a Zoom link if you would like to join the online meetings (andrew.judge50@gmail.com).

Holy Week: on Zoom at 9am

Week after Easter:

Bank Holiday Mon 5th - no meeting
Tues, Wed, Thurs - in church at 8.45am
Fri - online at 8.45am

Thereafter:

Mon to Thurs - in church at 8.45am
Fri - online at 8.45am

Children's work at Christ Church

The Children's work at Christ Church plays a vital role in shaping the faith formation of a hugely important part of our church community. Anna Laszlo, our current children and youth worker is going to be laying down that role shortly, and we are keen to find someone who can take over. If you'd like to find out more about what that entails, please speak to Simon or Anna.

Fabric Committee

The church fabric team needs a new leader. Martin wishes to step down this year so we are asking if anyone would like to help by taking on this challenging and rewarding position. The current members of the team have been asked, but due to age, health and other commitments, have declined. If you might be interested please let the Wardens know and we can arrange for you to discuss any questions you may have with us and the team. Although it would be good to appoint someone at the APCM, this could be done later as it may take a little time for a volunteer to decide if this is the right position for them to contribute to the life of the church. Barbara and Sarah

Electoral Roll

From Sunday 21st March 2021 we are carrying out our annual revision of the Electoral Roll, so please let our Electoral Roll Officer, Virginia Mullan at thisisvbm@hotmail.com, know if any of your details have changed. If you are not already on the roll and would like to join, application forms are available inside the iron gate of the church hall. They were also attached to Simon's CCWW email on 6th March. The roll then closes on Saturday 3rd April 2021 until after the AGM.

Earth Hour - Sat 27th March, 8.30pm

You can take part in this year's Earth hour by switching off your lights for an hour and by signing the Voice for the Planet petition to let world leaders know that you care about nature and that you want political action to protect our planet. More details can be found here: <https://www.earthhour.org/take-part>



Liverpool Cathedral Lent Lectures - Liberty to the Captives

Liverpool Cathedral have put on a Lent lecture series, looking at how we as Christians can address the legacy of past engagement with the transatlantic slave trade and support the ongoing aspiration to end modern-day slavery in all its forms. [See here](#) for more information, or access the videos on their [YouTube channel](#).

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 http://www.give.net/Christ_Church_Chelt - Thank you!

Prayers

We thank God for the gift of prayer and for his enduring love.

We pray for fellow human beings and other species suffering the effects of environmental changes, famine, drought and wars. We ask God to guide world leaders and give them wisdom and compassion.

We pray for particular areas of the world where there is longstanding conflict. We pray for freedom for Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and others wrongly imprisoned or used as political pawns.

We give thanks for the vaccine and for its efficient deployment. We remember those who have lost loved ones to covid-19. We pray for our National Health Service.

We look forward to being able to worship at Christ Church and give thanks for all that Christ Church Without Walls has meant to us. We pray for those who have no access to the internet and give thanks for the many people who have offered love and practical help to them.

We pray for a steadfast faith.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially Chris and June Eddershaw, Jane Heaton, Tina Holland, Rose Marville, Christine Melville, Dee Rice, Ros Saunders, Daphne Simpson, Rosemary Singer, Brian Slee, Tim Smith, William Staight, Anne Standish, Jane Weston, Keith White, Pat's family and Hazel.

We pray too for the bereaved, especially for the family and friends of Topsy Southgate.

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' Mark 11:10 NIV