

Welcome to Christ Church



'Christ Church as a Living Well, Christ Church Living Well'

Sunday 24th June

Baptism of John the Baptist

Today's Services

08.30am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Fox-Banch

Galatians 3: 23-end (p185) Luke 1:57-66.80 (p53)

10:00 am Parish Communion

Preacher & President: Sue Curtis, Minister: David Fox-Branch

Reader: Chris Purdy, Intercessor: Robert Burns.

05.00pm Youth Group



Collect for the week

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Diary for next week

Monday 25th June

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Mothers Union Meeting at Vicarage

Tuesday 26th June

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Home Groups

Wednesday 27th June

9.30am Holy Communion with Ministry of Prayer

10.00 Wheels and Squeals Toddler Group held in the hall

8.00pm Bell Ringing practice

Thursday 28th June

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.45pm Choir practice

Friday 29th June

9:00am No Morning Prayer

Saturday 30th June

10:30 Ordination of Priests at Cathedral

4.30pm Bell Ringing

Next Sunday 1st July

5th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

5.00pm Youth Group

6.30pm **REVIVE** – theme Christians and Politics

An especially warm welcome to newcomers or visitors. Please do make yourself known to the sides-people and collect a Welcome Pack from the desk at the back.

Everything you need for worship will be given to you, including a service booklet, notice sheet and small offertory cards for those who give regularly by standing order. Hymn books and Bibles are in the chair pockets. Large print versions are available on request. The church is also fitted with a hearing loop. If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer at Communion, please let a sides-person know before the service.

From the Vicar

The Biblical story of John, leaping in his mother's womb in anticipation of his cousin's birth marks him out as the great forerunner of Christ in a predestined way like that of the Old Testament prophets. As such his birth commemorated today encourages us to live lives worthy of our calling sharing the good news of Jesus with all whom we meet. *#living well*

For intercessions

- ❖ For more volunteers to help with youth work.
- ❖ For all who grieve the loss of a loved one at this time.
- ❖ For those preparing for ordination at the weekend.
- ❖ For members of our Church family and their families,

Prayer Tree

Please write requests on a dove shape and hang on the tree in the Chapel for Peace & Reconciliation. These will be offered during Morning Prayer the following week. Candles can also be lit for loved ones during the Sunday services.

Prayer Chain

This group will pray for any concerns with an assurance of total confidentiality. Phone Jose 721448 or Sue 724080.

Morning Prayer 9.00 – 9.30

This is held in the Peace and Reconciliation Chapel. Please enter through the vestry door which will be open. It is a short service of 30 minutes and all are welcome.

Pastoral Visits

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence or know of someone in need who would value a visit, please speak to either a member of the Clergy, Sue Matthews, (Pastoral Co-ordinator 724080), or Jo Woolfe, (Pastoral Secretary 726782).

Mission Focus for June - This month's mission focus is CBC, University of Life Championed by Avril Shipton.

June CCN & Lectionary are available at the back of the Church.

Retirement invitation for Revd. Sue Bull

Some are probably aware that Sue Bull has just retired from her two roles as an NHS Chaplain. She also celebrates 20 years since her ordination. Sue is also feeling called to leave St. Barnabas and explore other places and ways of worship, and to concentrate on the work of *Love Me Love My Mind*. Today, **Sunday 24 June** will be her last service, and all are invited to a reception after at 11:30am.

Christ Church Notices

From Sue Curtis

2018 marks 20 years since I was ordained as Reader (now called LLM) and 10 years since I was ordained priest. I chose to be ordained as a local minister, so I could stay in the parish where I worship and now live. We have been through some tricky times in the last 20 years, but it is a privilege and often a joy to be part of this church.

It is great to work with Rosemary, a visionary and creative incumbent and to work in a staff team with her, Berwick, David and Jen. I am sure there are exciting times ahead as we look to how God would have us build church in this part of Epsom. We aim to know God more deeply, to grow in depth of faith and to reach out to our community and beyond in love and service. I look forward to continuing to play a part in that. It is wonderful to work alongside amongst such a diverse, talented and gracious church community.

Please help me celebrate by sharing cake and fizz after the 10am service next week on **Sunday 1st July**.

Situations vacant

Thank you to those who have responded regarding the library and publicity team. We are also looking for one more person to act as a server and continue to seek someone willing to help with the production of PowerPoints for services.

Please speak to me if you feel you could assist with either area. *Rosemary*



Did you bring your diary to Church today?

Yes? – Please check the list of Vacancies for Coffee in the hall after the service.

No? – Please bring it next time. Thanks to all who have signed up recently. We now have a full rota for June, but help is still needed in July and August. *Colin Taylor*



MGSO4 is the borough wide Arts Festival taking place this July. This year's theme is 'Discovery' to tie in with the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the product that gives the festival its name. A full programme of events is available on line and in brochures at the back of church.

As a Community Fringe event as we will be hosting a variety of activities including on **Saturday 7th July Church open 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** for History Exhibition & Talk (2pm); Children's Trail; Youth and families interactive walk & Light refreshments. On **Sunday 8th July Church open 12 noon - 6:00 p.m.** with Bell tower tours followed by a Quarter Peal (see flyer) and I hope members will be willing to act as Stewards again please sign up at back of church. Thanks *Rosemary*

Date of this year's CHURCH RAMBLE

This year's Church Ramble will be on **Saturday, September 1st**; details to follow.

Hazel Rose

Other Notices

On **June 30th at 7.30pm at St Martin's Church EPSOM CHORAL SOCIETY** will be performing a new work by Jonathan Willcocks "*O Joyful Soul*" commissioned in memory of Cecil Wiltshire, for many years a reader at St Martin's. Programme includes Durufle's Requiem & Vierne's Messe Solennelle. Tickets £15/ 7.50 u 18's Box Office 01372 727078 or on the door.

You are cordially invited to attend a **Garden Party on Saturday 7th July** from 2-4pm in the beautiful garden of Geoff Morris: 28 Dorking Road, Epsom, KT18 7NH in aid of various charities. There is free entry, but a small charge will be made for light refreshments including scones and Pimms. Donations are welcome and there will also be a tombola. For further information on this event, please see www.ctie.org.uk and for news of other charitable events planned, please go to www.mayorscharitiesepsom.org.uk

Food bank needs

Meat pies, Tinned vegetables or fruit, Children's toothpaste / toothbrushes Nappies (size 5 only), Powdered milk, washing powder / liquid / tabs, Washing up liquid, Coffee, Honey / Jam, Ketchup / Brown Sauce.

Thanks to those who faithfully contribute.

Epsom Common Association Walks from stew ponds: - **1st July** 2pm. Butterfly Stroll, **8th July** 2pm Wild Flower Wander, **22nd July** 2pm Bush Cricket Hop.

Epsom Common Day, Sunday 29th July 11am- 4pm

We will be partnering with the Little Hands Nursery to provide some children's activities alongside opening the church and providing teas. Again, volunteers for stewarding would be appreciated.

Social team

SPRING HARVEST 2019

In 2019, this ecumenical Christian Conference, which combines a fun family holiday with great teaching and worship, will celebrate its 40th year! The dates and venues will be:- • Minehead, Somerset – 9 to 13 April / 13 to 18 April • Skegness, Lincolnshire – 15 to 19 April • Harrogate, Yorkshire – 13 to 17 April

Bookings are now open and details can be found on the website www.springharvest.org or by phone on 01825 769000.

Rosie Blacoe

Interfaith Tour to Jerusalem and Galilee November 2018

If you might be interested in an interfaith tour to Israel and Palestine this November do pick up a leaflet from the Peace and Reconciliation Chapel and respond speedily, as indicated.

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