

Welcome to Christ Church



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

Sunday 17th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

Today's Services

10:00am Parish Communion

President & Preacher: David Fox-Branch

Reader: Merinda D'Aprano & Intercessor: Cari B

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20(173), Luke 6: 17-26 (61)

12.00noon Baptisms of Phoebe Pallister & Louisa Coombe

5.00pm Youth Club



Collect for the week

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Diary for next week

Monday 18th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 19th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30 Mothers' Union Meeting

2:30 DAC Consultation

8.00pm Home Groups

Wednesday 20th February

9:30am Holy Communion with
Ministry of Prayer

10.30am Knitting Group in the
Vicarage

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 21st February

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 22nd February

No Morning Prayer

Saturday 23rd February

10.00am Sacred Space

Sunday 24th February

10.00am Parish Communion

5.00pm Youth Club

6.30pm Essence '

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

At long last we have been able to complete the outstanding electrical works required for the AVL project. Many thanks to David Wedlake, Jim Smith and others in the Premises Team who have facilitated this. As with any household project these things always take longer than expected and are never 'perfect' first time. Please bear with us as we put together the finishing touches and set up the programs for usage. Further training will be offered to all sound technicians and key holders as soon as possible.

#livingwell – Be generous wherever possible.

For intercessions

- ❖ For ways of including young people in all aspects of Church life.
- ❖ For pupils and staff on half term holidays.
- ❖ For the Living Well Project Group and the ongoing consultation for Phase 2
- ❖ For members of our Church family and their families;

Prayer Tree

Please write requests on a dove shape and hang it 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. There are also two healing prayer stations in the side aisles please do use these for private reflection.

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 – 9.45

This is held in the Peace and Reconciliation Chapel. Please enter through the vestry door which will be open. It is a short, said service 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 February – is VPM championed by Rosie and David Blacoe and supported by their Home Group.

February Lectionary and CCN are available at the back of the Church and on line as well as the Diocesan magazine '*Transforming Church*'.

Christ Church Notices

ELECTORAL ROLL

Compilation of the New Electoral Roll is now under way and application forms are available at the back of church, from the parish office or from me. Please do not put this off.

Martin Shipton. Church Electoral Roll Officer.

Lent Study - Looking at *The Mystery of God*

Why not sign up and join Home Groups for this Lent course? Give it a try. Lists will be in church on Sunday **17th Feb 24th Feb and 3rd March**. Groups meet for about 2 hours on a Tuesday evening in a home. They explore the Bible together, discuss and chat, pray and get to know each other a bit better. There is also a daytime and a Monthly group. This Lent, Home Group will look at a programme of study called "The Mystery of God" – five Bible studies exploring: The mystery of – Good and Evil. God's Glory. Sin, Suffering and Hope. Relationship and Reconciliation. Parenthood and Adoption. Love and Sacrifice. We are hoping that members of the congregation would like to join in with that study, even if they do not usually attend Home Groups. You can sign up to join in with a group for their 5 sessions (monthly group will have fewer sessions). Anyone who does not attend church who would like to do this study are of course welcome. Why not bring them along with you?

From Sheffield to Shanghai" Talk open to everyone Tues 19th Feb 10.30am

Please come and hear Anne Sturton talk at our Mothers' Union meeting in the downstairs hall everyone welcome. If you wish to stay for lunch please bring a packed lunch with you, tea, coffee and cup a soup provided.

Chris Channing

New Knitting Project launch Wednesday 20th February 10:30- 12noon at the Vicarage. As per my CCN article I would like to convert our poppies into brooches and distribute patterns for our Christmas Angels. All knitters welcome, I'll provide the venue and refreshments you bring along your skill and willing hearts.

Rosemary

ESSENCE of Healing 6:30 Sunday 24th February

Do you enjoy Taize chants? Would you like a chance to sing them as part of a group? This month's Essence will use music from Taize to lead us into an encounter with our Lord in prayer, anointing and communion. We're looking for volunteers to form a singing group with members of the choir for this service – you don't need to be a great singer or to make a regular commitment, just add your name to the list at the back of the Church.



Refreshments after 10.00 Services – can YOU help?

Thank you to all who have offered to help serve coffee or erect tables in February or March. Volunteers for April onwards are urgently needed. Please sign the list in the hall today. If you don't have your diary, be sure to bring it next week.

Can YOU help with Tables on 31st March or in April?

Allergic to kitchens? Maybe you can set out the chairs and tables for refreshments. Please check the list in the hall today. Vacancies start from 31st March. If you don't have your diary, be sure to bring it next week. Many thanks.

Colin Taylor

Eco Church

Christ Church has recently signed up for Eco Church, which is an award scheme to help churches and their members 'to live well' in relationships to the rest of God's creation. We're now looking for enthusiastic people to help us take this exciting scheme forward. Has God placed environmental issues on your heart? Would you like to know more? Email David on davidfoxbranch@outlook.com or call 726225.

UNIVIDA NEWS

The new school year has begun with a maximum intake even in the senior age group. The staff will be busy, especially the cook and the secretary. Please pray for love, safety and wisdom to help these children cope with the violence in and around their homes. Please let me know if you would like some marmalade in support of Univida and any normal size empty jars will be welcome. Avril 01372 812175

Office Opening Times

The Parish office will be open during the half term school holiday (18 – 22 Feb)

Other Notices

World Day of Prayer service will be on **Friday, 1st March at 10.30 am** at St Joseph's Catholic Church, St Margaret's Drive (by the Haywain, Dorking Road). Some parking in church car park will be available. There will also be access from Rosebank. It's the first time this ecumenical service, prepared by women from Slovenia for 2019, will have been held at the Catholic Church for many years so please come along and support it. A year 6 choir from St Joseph's School will be taking part. Refreshments will be served afterwards. *Jo Woolfe*

Taste and See Cake Stall

The next Churches Together in Epsom cake stall and outreach will take place on **16th March** by the Metro Bank in Epsom. It will be open from 11am - 1pm. If anyone would like to help with the stall or by making cakes, this would be very welcome. Please contact Anne Fraser on anne.o.fraser@ntlworld.com. (St Martin's Church is now co-ordinating this initiative.) We would also love to see you if you just want to come along and find out more on the day. *Anne Fraser*

Churches Together in Epsom

You will be pleased to hear that Anne Fraser continues as the rep for Christ Church and at the recent AGM, Ron Byer was appointed as the Treasurer. Also, having completed seven years I have stood down as Secretary and am delighted that Judith Mitchell from St Stephens has taken on this role. I have left some spare copies of the Chair's Report on the table at the back for those who are interested to see how the Churches in Epsom are working together. *Elizabeth Martin*

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