

Welcome to Christ Church



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

Sunday 11th November

Armistice Day



Today's Services

08.30am Holy Communion

Preacher & President: Sue Curtis

Micah 4: 1-5 (879), John 15: 1-17 (106)

10:15am Service of Word, Remembrance Service

Preacher: Sue Curtis

Ministers: Rosemary Donovan; David Fox Branch

5.00pm Youth Club

Collect for the week



God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diary for next week

Monday 12th November

9.00am Morning Prayer

8pm Christ Church PCC

Tuesday 13th November

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Home Groups

Wednesday 14th November

9.30am Holy Communion

With Ministry of Prayer

10.00am Wheels and Squeals

10.30 Stamford Green Reception

to visit the Church

8.00pm Bell Ringing

Thursday 15th November

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 16th November

9.00am No Morning Prayer

7.00pm Film 'Suffragette'

Saturday 17th November

10.00am Creative Writing Workshop

Sunday 18th November

8.30am Holy Communion

10:00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Annual Memorial Service

5.00pm Youth Club

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. If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer at Communion, please let a sides-person know before the service. Large print versions are available on request. The church is also fitted with a hearing loop.

From the Vicar

Today we commemorate the centenary of the Armistice which ended the hostilities of the First World War along with the rest of the nation. Among the many physical reminders of the Great War are countless memorials inside and outside churches together with rolls of honour which record the names of men and women who gave their lives. At Christ Church we honour the names recorded in our Peace and Reconciliation Chapel with a beautiful display of knitted poppies. We also light 57 candles and acknowledge those who are there but not there.

For intercessions

- ❖ For our local senior schools and Christian presence in them, and for those students applying to universities now.
- ❖ For all veterans and those currently who serving in the Armed Forces.
- ❖ For the work of the British Legion and Help for Heroes.
- ❖ For members of our Church family and their families

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 simple 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 November –This month's mission focus is African Revival championed by Alison North.

November Lectionary and CCN are at the back of the Church and on line.

Deadline for the December/January edition of Christ Church News is this coming Friday, 16 November. Submissions should be sent to Craig via donovancraig8@gmail.com

RIP Richard Shortman our longstanding member, sacristan and verger. Richard's Funeral will take place on **Tuesday 27th November** at Randall's Park for family only. This will be followed by a **Thanksgiving Service at Christ Church at 1:30pm** with refreshments in the hall afterwards for all Richards many work colleagues, scouting and church friends. Please do come and honour his outstanding contribution to the life of this community.

Christ Church Notices

LIVING WELL PROJECT Phase 1 AVL works Update

It is great to be back in the church, however the work is not yet finished. Due to delays with the lighting supplier, several of the light fittings have not arrived and therefore we are unable to fit some of the lights for the time being. This hope that the additional work will take place mid-November and we look forward to using them fully over the Christmas period. There are a few minor tweaks to be done to the casing for the Audio Visuals (white to black) and fixing some of the wiring of the fantastic new sound desk. Currently for health and safety reasons the Library corner is not accessible due to a trailing wire. Please bear with the Premises team as they continue to work on our behalf upgrading our wonderful new facilities.

Rosemary

From the Bell Tower. Today marks the centenary of the Armistice, bringing an end to The Great War, as is traditional, the bells of Christ Church will be rung half-muffled from 9:30am in solemn remembrance of those who fell. This year, to mark the end of hostilities, a national campaign - *Ringing Remembers* - is being run to get as many church bells as possible rung together from 12:30pm. The bells will be rung open, as they would have been during this momentous time 100 years ago, having lain silent for the previous four years. Any ringing during that time would have been the signal for invasion.

As part of the *Ringing Remembers* campaign, towers around the country have been recruiting new or lapsed ringers to 'replace' the 1400 ringers who went off to war and did not return. Christ Church was fortunate in that all seven of the ringers who went to war came back home to their families. Christ Church is also lucky in gaining five new ringers, as well as one who has returned after a 30-year absence. Since July, they have been learning to handle a bell safely during normal ringing practices and additional training sessions. This is no mean feat, but they will all be ringing on November 11. As a memento the new recruits have been given a commemorative badge which I am sure will be worn with pride on the day. The bells will be ringing from 12:30 for up to an hour. If you are around the church at that time, please do come and listen.

Mark Hodgson



2018 marks the 100th anniversary of women receiving the Right to Vote in Britain. We have chosen to celebrate this to coincide with Parliament Week in November. Please do take a flyer to invite friends and neighbours to this special mini festival.

Friday 16th November 7:00 pm Film Night 'Suffragette'

Tickets £10 on the door to include refreshments any profits to #RememberingEmily

Sat 17th November 10:00 am – 12noon Creative writing workshop

'Prayers by women for women' all welcome - free activity.

Sun 18th November 10:00 am Parish Communion with The Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams, Dean of Guildford Cathedral. All music by female hymn writers.

Mon 19th November 9:00 am Coach Trip to Parliament including Parliament tour, lunch & walking guide around Westminster.

Embrace, 6:30pm Sunday 18th November will be our **Annual Memorial Service**

A special service to commemorate the faithful departed. We have specially invited those who have been bereaved in this past year and relatives of funerals members of the Staff team have taken, but all are welcome to come and remember loved ones who have died, light a candle and write a star tree tag in memory.

The Autumn Church Tidy 2pm on Saturday 24 November Please come along with tools and materials suitable for the tasks you'd like to tackle. Refreshments will be provided. *Jim Smith*

Book Club, Monday 26th November 8pm at 81 Christchurch Mount reading 'A Certain Justice' by P.D. James.

Hot Topics, Tuesday 27th November 8-9:30pm in Church 'Beyond Inclusion' facilitated by Rev. Michael Roper from St. Barnabas using video material from St James and Emmanuel Church and his own personal story, 'My life as a gay priest'.

Advent Candles are on sale now at the back of the church, price £4 each in aid of waterways chaplaincy. *Richard Martin*



Small Christmas cakes needed (home baked if poss) for us to take to those who have been bereaved or are housebound. Please indicate on the list on the table by the pigeon holes how many you can provide and bring your cakes to the 10 am service on 9 December. We will need 30 cakes. For any help or queries please speak to Jo (726782) or Avril (812175). Thank you *Jo Woolfe*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR - Let's make a joyful Christmas noise unto the Lord!

The choir invites everyone interested in singing to come and join us for:

ESSENCE – Advent Carol Service, Sunday 2nd December 6.30 pm

(Rehearsals: Thursday 22 and 29 November at 8.30 pm)

ESSENCE – Christmas Carol service, Sunday 16th December 6.30 pm

(Rehearsals: Thursday 6 and 13 December at 8.30 pm) We would ask you to try and attend as many of the rehearsals as possible. Please contact Ruth Grint: ruth@grint.co.uk; T: 01372 727771.

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