



**Monthly Church Family News
February 2019**

Welcome

Inside ...

The Collect P2

Sermons and Readings P2

Looking Ahead P3

World Day of Prayer P4

Reflection P5

Les Miserables P6

Facing The Canon P7

DISCOVERY P9-10

Parish Visiting P10

Nursery September 2019 P12

Christianity Across The World P12



God's love—know it, show it, share it, declare it.

THE COLLECT - 3rd February 2019

3rd Feb, 5th Sunday before Lent

God of our salvation,
 help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies
 and poison our minds
 and to choose again your gift of life,
 revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sermons and Readings

FEB 2019 – AM

- 3rd Victory through God's power – 1 Chronicles 18 v1-17
 10th How to replace fear with faith - Psalm 27 (same passage as evening)
 17th Judgement and Mercy – 1 Chronicles 21 v1-30
 24th Investing in the next generation – 1 Chronicles 22 v1-19

FEB 2019 – PM

- 3rd Victory through God's power – 1 Chronicles 18 v1-17
 10th How to replace fear with faith - Psalm 27 (same passage as morning)
 17th How to deal with temptation and the devil's power
 24th How to seek God's guidance

MAR 2019 – AM

- 3rd Devotion – 1 Chronicles 28 v1-21
 10th Glory – 1 Chronicles 29 v1-20
 17th Wisdom - 2 Chronicles 1 v1-17
 24th Building – 2 Chronicles 2 v1-18
 31st (Mothering Sunday) Mother power! - John 2 v1-11

THE "HOW TO" GUIDES TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

MAR 2019 – PM

- 3rd How to deal with suffering
 10th How to pray
 17th How to share your faith
 24th How to sing in church
 31st How to learn from one great mother in the Bible (Mothering Sunday)

Looking Ahead...



SUNDAY SERVICES/ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd, 8.30am,10.30am, CHURCH @12 and 6.30pm services

Monday 4th 17.00-19.00 - GOING DEEPER

Tuesday 5th 18.00-21.00 - REAL

Wednesdays 6th 18.00-21.00 - YPF

Thursdays 7th - Discovery - starts with supper

Sunday 10th, 8.30am,10.30am, CHURCH @12 services & 6.30pm

Breakfast after 8.30am service

3.45pm Carers' Group (The Point), ending 5.45pm

Monday 11th 17.00-19.00 - GOING DEEPER

Tuesday 12th 18.00-21.00 - REAL

Tuesday 12th 7.45pm Input prayers

Wednesdays 13th - YPF

Thursdays 14th - 7.30pm Discovery - starts with supper

Sunday 17th, 8.30am,10.30am, CHURCH @12 & 6.30pm services

Sunday 24th, 8.30am,10.30am, CHURCH @12 services & 6.30pm

Monday 25th 17.00-19.00 - GOING DEEPER

Tuesday 26th 18.00-21.00 - REAL

Wednesdays 27th 18.00-21.00 - YPF

Thursdays 28th - 7.30pm Discovery - starts with supper

World Day of Prayer 1st March 2019

“Come everything is ready !”

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

The joint Chorleywood service will be held at St Andrew's Church, Wueckley Lane, Chorleywood at 11.00 am.

EVERYONE is welcome. Please note the change of title. It is now THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - - not just the Womens' World Day of Prayer!

Please join us for this service and for refreshments afterwards.



Interns for 2019/2020

We are looking for Interns starting September 2019, they will be working with up to 150 young people from age 5-18 as well as being part of the Sunday teaching team. The Intern programme will deliver training covering: Church planning and organisation, tailored skills development, leadership development and involvement in local mission, an opportunity to spend time with mission partners in Caen, France, study at London School of Theology.

We are looking for candidates who are keen to work in a faith based environment and are hard working, enthusiastic, flexible and want to develop their leadership skills.

There is affordable accommodation in a shared house close to the church. The posts are salaried and all training expenses are paid.

Please contact Sylvia Mann (Churchwarden) grovewood.25@btinternet.com for further details and to arrange an informal chat.

NOTICE BOOKLET – FEBRUARY 2018

A CHURCHWARDEN'S THOUGHTS

Last Sunday, 27 January ended our three-week focus on how, prompted by the Holy Spirit, we can use the gifts, skills, life experiences and the personalities that our loving heavenly Father has blessed us with to serve in the best possible way our church family, our community and, for some, the wider world. Serving as God's children means that we have responded to what is known as the Great Commission (Matthew 28, verses 18-20) – we are his hands and feet here on earth enabling the extension of his kingdom and reflecting and sharing his love for all people.

The preaching at all three services last Sunday focused on Proverbs, 31, 10-31. This passage is about the "wife of noble character" and she is described, among other things, as a woman who is gifted, hardworking, discerning and caring. Yes, the person described is a woman, but the essence of the passage reveals a person with a true servant heart and this is relevant to us all, whether male or female. We learnt that in Hebrew the verses are an acrostic, so here for encouragement and further thought is my acrostic for volunteers from my own experience -

Valued – we trust and pray that all our volunteers will know they are truly appreciated. **O**pen – perhaps to step out and try a new skill

Loving – ready with a smile, a word of welcome and ready to support and encourage others in the team

Unflappable – well, most of the time we hope - we all have days when we are tested in various ways, but our loving Father is beside us

New – the first experience of volunteering can be daunting in any environment, but we provide appropriate training, guidance and support

Transient – people move around much more often these days, but a short-term commitment can be a real blessing to the church and community

Experienced – desirable, especially in certain areas, **BUT NOT ESSENTIAL**

Essential – we have a fantastic and hardworking staff team, but volunteers are a vital part of the mosaic of Christian service here at Christ Church and further afield

Rewarded – hardly ever in monetary terms, but to see a child's joy as they have been helped to make something, a teenager less worried because they have been listened to, a lonely person's smile as they have a cuppa and a chat and the satisfaction of a job well done can be worth more than ££££££££££ in the bank!

Spirit led - as we serve as God's children we need all the help we can get, so the guidance, comfort and encouragement of his Holy Spirit is vital, as is prayer

So where do we go from here? Thinking of volunteering or a volunteer able to give more time? Please don't hesitate to complete the form and pop it in the office pigeon-hole. Still feeling uncertain? Please have an informal chat with our Vicar or one of our curates or Geoff Roberts, my colleague Churchwarden, or me, **OR** talk to someone who already volunteers. Above all be encouraged: we are God's chosen people, greatly and dearly loved (Colossians 3, 12) and we all have different gifts and are called to serve (Romans 12, 6-8).

With love, Sylvia Mann

DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING?

The West End comes to
Chorleywood!

7.30pm Friday 15 March

The background of the poster features a silhouette of a crowd of revolutionaries holding flags against a sunset sky. The central figure is a man holding a large red flag aloft. The sky transitions from a dark brown at the top to a lighter orange and yellow near the horizon. The silhouettes of the crowd and flags are dark against the lighter sky.

Les Misérables

FRESH START

There is a Fresh Start course starting on Thursday 7th February at 1.00 pm. This is for anyone who would like support to help them overcome any life-controlling issue that they are facing. This could include smoking, drinking, over-eating or gambling to name a few.

The group will be run at Mill End Baptist Church. If you would like more information or to book a place on the course please call 07849 678171 or email annabelbrown@capfreshstart.org The course is free.



FACING  THE CANON
J. JOHN IN CONVERSATION



Andrea Williams

director of Christian Concern

7.30pm Wednesday 6th February
Christ Church

Tickets £5 from

www.facingthecanon.com

and on the bookstall with an honesty box

CHRIST CHURCH MEN'S BREAKFAST INVITES YOU TO BREAKFAST WITH ASCEND

SATURDAY 9th FEBRUARY at 8.30 AM

at the Peppermill Restaurant, Lower Road, Chorleywood

"Serving the community of South Oxhey"

For over 20 years ASCEND, which was founded by the Rev. Ann Douglas (a previous curate at Christ Church), has been tackling unemployment and social deprivation in the South Oxhey council estates. Christine Wyard, ASCEND Project Director, will share with us details of the various programmes run by ASCEND, and Martin Waldron, a Trustee, will share his personal experiences of volunteering with ASCEND.

£5 for a continental breakfast (cooked breakfasts extra)

Places can be reserved by email to mensbfast@cccw.org.uk or at the end of a Christ Church Service from Simon Flamank and Kevin Watson

Carers' Support Group

Who: for anyone who is a carer and would value a confidential, supportive space to talk, and to meet with other people in similar situations

What: meetings will include a facilitated group discussion and a prayerful, meditative input. Private prayer will be available. Please ask if you would value this.

Where: in the Point (upstairs) at The Junction at Christ Church.

When: 3.45 - 5.15pm on Sundays 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December.

Coffee/tea will be available upon arrival. Unfortunately we are not able to provide respite facilities for the people you care for during the meeting, but we hope that the timing of the meetings might make it possible for friends/relatives to help support you in this way. The group will be facilitated by Tracy Brown and Jill Walton.

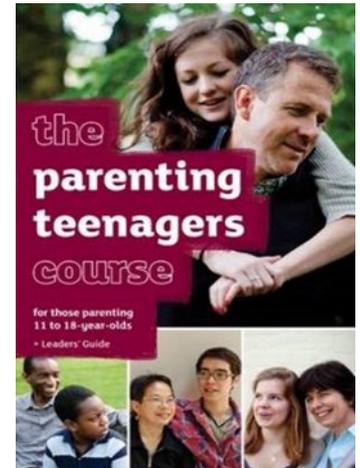
3 DISCOVERY Courses

Parenting of Teenagers

JOIN US ON THE PARENTING OF TEENAGERS COURSE. Within our popular Discovery programme at Christ Church on Thursday evenings, join us and be inspired on the Parenting of Teenagers course. Each evening begins with a glass of wine and a meal at 7.30pm, we then head into the programme with a prompt 9.30pm finish.

The course was created by Nicky and Sila Lee who have worked with couples and families for over 20 years and speak regularly on parenting. They are co-authors of "The Marriage Book" and "The Parenting Book" and a number of related courses. While the course is based on Christian principles, it is relevant and helpful for any parent with or without a Christian faith or church background. The themes include: meeting teenagers' needs, building relationships with teenagers, helping parents help teenagers make good choices and more. There is no charge, just an informal donation on the night.

The dates are: 7 Feb, 14 Feb, (21 Feb - no course – half term), 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 14 Mar, 21 Mar.



Life Explored

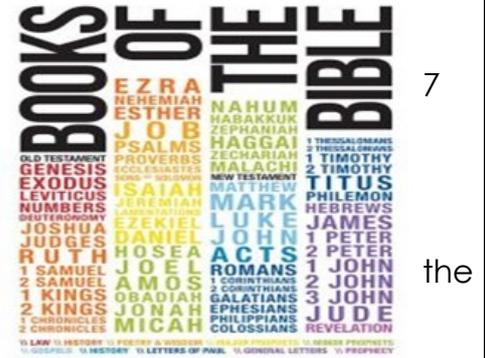
Life Explored, one of the options within the Discovery programme, is an exciting new way to share the gospel in today's highly visual culture. It is designed for anyone seeking the answers to life's big questions. It is suitable for those engaging with the Christian faith for the first time or those who want to wrestle with the meaning of life in more detail.

Each week will involve a short film, a discussion, a Bible reading and Bible study with set questions guiding us through. During the course we will cover: The Good God, The Trustworthy God, The Generous God, The Liberating God, The Fulfilling God, The Life-Giving God, The Joyful God. Sign-up in the Junction today!



Bible Book by Book - In Detail

Join us for lively discussion in Bible Book by Book within the Discovery evenings, on the following books of the Bible: Proverbs Feb, Ecclesiastes 14 Feb, Song of Solomon 28 Feb, Isaiah 7 Mar and Jeremiah 14 Mar. The really satisfying thing about this evening is that you will come away with an understanding of each book of the Bible, its main themes, quotes, and place in Bible, having also completed an in-depth study of a key passage. Sign-up in the Junction today!



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH – OUR NEXT PARISH VISITING MORNING YOU NEVER KNOW....ONE DOOR MAY LEAD TO ANOTHER!

We are aiming to call on 500 houses on the morning of Saturday 23rd March from 9am to 12.30pm. Please join us to take part in inviting people to our Easter celebrations.

We'll give everyone we visit an Easter card and a Fairtrade gift. We will need over 40 visitors please to call in pairs on houses in the parish. In addition, we're looking for a further 10 people to drop cards into other houses during the week beginning 17th March to say that we'll be calling on the following Saturday, 23rd March. We'd like a group of people to pray in The Junction while the visiting is happening.

EASTER CARD DROP – 23rd MARCH to 7th APRIL

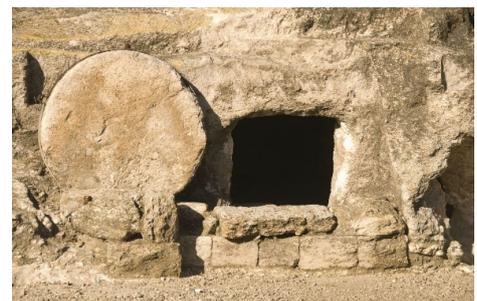
We're also hoping for at least a further 40 people who between them would be willing to drop Easter cards through the doors of 1,500 other houses in the parish.

This can be done any time to suit you between 23rd March and 14th April (Palm Sunday).

Please indicate how you would like to be involved by contacting Geoff Marshall-Taylor on geoffmt@btinternet.com or by phone on 01494 763018. Response forms will also be available.

Thank you.

Geoff Marshall-Taylor



RHINO PARKING!

Yes, we are looking for people of passion, who, instead of following the herd, and parking right outside church, have that thrusting, winning streak, and are prepared to charge in the direction of those fantastic traffic lights on the edge of the Common (which have provided us with such joy this week), and park either on the left-hand side car park (often called the "lorry" park) or the right-hand side near the council offices. This will leave more car parking space outside church for newcomers and those with mobility issues. As well as enhancing your eternal reward, you will feel the joy of getting fit, and get a chance to mingle with the athletic elite of our worshipping community, who will also be walking from these alternative car parks to church! Go on, be a rhino parker and join the charge!

If you are parking near the Church;

- (1) remember that a one-way system (along the service road and then to the right opposite the main gate of the school) operates in the car park even when it is not full.
 - (2) park as close to the next vehicle as it is safe to do so and ensure that your children are properly supervised in the car park and when walking to and from the church.
 - (3) ensure that valuables and other possessions are kept out of sight and locked in the boot.
- There have been a number of thefts from vehicles in the Chorleywood area (including The Gate) through January.

Thank you for your co-operation. Safety in the car park and when crossing the service road and the security of vehicles are of prime importance to us as we do our best to care for our church family and visitors alike.

Sylvia Mann and Geoff Roberts

Churchwardens



ADMISSIONS TO NURSERY SEPTEMBER 2019

All applications to our nursery class at Christ Church Chorleywood C of E School are now made **directly to the school**. The local authority no longer supports an online nursery application process. Full details are available on our school website:

www.christchurchschool.herts.sch.uk, following the 'Admissions' link.

If you would like to book onto one of their Open Mornings (adults only), please refer to the school website for details of dates available and contact the school office to make an appointment.

You will be required to complete our own application form which will be the only method for applying for a nursery place for your child.

- This form must be completed by the parents/carers and returned directly to the school.
- The process for applying to our Nursery starts on 4th February 2019.
- **The school do not accept any information prior to this date.**
- All parents considering applying under the 'worship' criterion **should also** submit a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and Confirmation of Worship Form (CoW), by the closing date.
- All of these forms are available to download from the school website.

The application process closes at 12.00pm (midday) on Friday 15th March 2019

• Should you wish to discuss the nursery admissions process further please contact Mrs Alison Cottle Christ Church School, (Mon- Wed) 01923 282647 or email

admissions@christchurchschool.herts.sch.uk.



CHRISTIANITY ACROSS THE WORLD!

Christ Church School would love to hear from you if you could possibly come in and be interviewed informally on how Christians worship in other countries and cultures. We are interested in both Anglican and other denominations overseas.

Please do not respond to the school direct but initially to Geoff Marshall-Taylor who will collate offers first. He is at geoffmt@btinternet.com or 01494 763018



www.bigstock.com - 97318229