

# Christ Church News

12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

# CHRIST CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY

From this Sunday (17th January) Christ Church will be closed to physical services in common with most other churches in the area. The church will remain open for private funerals, with all arrangements subject to government rules. The factors which have led us to this decision are steeply rising infection rates, our duty to our staff and lay leaders, and our desire to work with the church and wider community to play our part in getting the infection rate under control.

We will keep the situation under review, and look forward to returning to the building as soon as reasonably possible. In the meantime, thanks to the generous support of the church family (both in terms of finance, and hours spent on installation), we now have a well-established on-line presence.

8.30am, 10.30am and 6.30pm - now online only via the website: [www.cccw.org.uk](http://www.cccw.org.uk) or our Facebook page.



*Our 'Living Nativity' on Christmas Eve*

## SERMON TOPICS 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

*'Following God in the tough times'*

17<sup>th</sup> Jan: God's command not to judge others in a pandemic – Matthew 7 v1-6

24<sup>th</sup> Jan: Asking God for things in a pandemic – Matthew 7 v7-12

## THANK YOU!

While our Christmas was in many ways so much smaller for us as individuals, in ministry terms it was our largest ever, with live and on-line services sending the message out loud and clear far beyond the confines of the parish. The Living Nativity, was great fun – live animals reminding us that the events celebrated at Christmas time really did take place. The church looked spectacular with new lighting complementing wonderful flower and candle decorations. We are extremely grateful for all the preachers, service leaders, worship leaders, musicians, PA, laptop and camera operators, stewards, children's and youth workers, intercessors, pastoral visitors, Bible readers, brass polishers, those who care for the church linen and members of the flower team – many working unseen to support our worship, learning and witness as a church family over the Christmas period. Messages of thanks and encouragement have flooded in and we have already booked the animals for next year's Living Nativity! We give God the glory and trust in his amazing power to see us through this coming year!

Thank you!

David and the wardens

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE, GIVE A LAPTOP CAMPAIGN

You may be aware that the BBC have a 'Make a difference give a laptop' campaign.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5SqHJMTKZx5sYhlltXJvB1Q/give-a-laptop>

If you have an old laptop or tablet that you would be able to donate, Christ Church School and the Chess Valley Learning trust would greatly appreciate it. The school has families who do not have devices at home and in sufficient devices to allow siblings to work separately. We are asking that you help us to help those children. Perhaps you received new devices for Christmas and no longer need the old ones or perhaps you are a business that have enough to spare?

They do need to be wiped clean / restored to factory settings, and no older than around 3 years old, to ensure that the operating systems can cope with the home learning software.

Please contact [sarah.wright@cccw.org.uk](mailto:sarah.wright@cccw.org.uk) if you can help



## RESPONSE FROM RASA SCHOOLS

Dear Christ Church Family. We cannot express how grateful we are to the Church, through the Lazarus Box and to those who have individually supported the work to re-build Ebenezer School.

Our vision became a reality, despite these challenging times. The school building is now complete and our task for 2021 is to fill it with desks and chairs for the 70 pupils.

We know this is a financially difficult time for many and appreciate the support we have already received. However, if you would like to sponsor a desk and chair at \$33 (USD) to help support a child's education, you can visit our gofundme page

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/rasa-schools-foundation>

You can add your personalised initials, i.e. children or grandchildren`s, which can be carved into the furniture as a lasting reminder of your generosity, Veronika Reid Rasa School Foundation

## BASIL ELLISTON

Some church family members are already aware that Basil died peacefully in his sleep, just before Christmas at the Meresworth Residential Home, where he has been cared for so wonderfully for many years. His funeral service will be taken by the Revd. Nigel Spoor (former member of Christ Church) at the Chilterns Crematorium at 9.30 am on Monday, 18 January. Because of COVID 19 restrictions, numbers allowed to attend the service will be limited, but a link to the live webcast of the service is now available. Sylvia Mann is preparing the eulogy for the service and would be happy to receive memories anyone has of Basil, so that they can be included. Please contact Sylvia on [grovewood.25@btinternet.com](mailto:grovewood.25@btinternet.com) or by calling 01923 286588 after 8pm if you would like to attend or have the webcast link and also if you have memories of Basil you would like to share.

## CHRIST CHURCH 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – CELEBRATIONS POSTPONED

As our anniversary fell in the middle of the Christmas celebrations, we originally intended to mark it separately on 31<sup>st</sup> January. With the current situation - we will postpone our celebrations until a point when we can all celebrate together - a pleasure deferred!



## CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK

In lockdown we cannot do any face - to-face work, and we are working on finding out what works best for the different age groups. We will be in touch as soon as this is finalised.

## COMMUNITY COVID RESPONSE



West Hertfordshire  
Hospitals Charity

### Items for West Herts Hospitals

Our hospital and community nursing and care staff are in need of a huge morale boost after working tirelessly throughout the pandemic.

There are 3 ways to support;

1. Add items to your regular supermarket shop/home delivery (which includes CostCo)
2. Visit our Amazon Wish list page [here](#)
3. [Donate to the Covid response appeal here](#)

Please also note all food items must be individually wrapped so there is no chance of cross contamination.

Some ideas of what our staff love;

- Multi packs of 500ml bottled water
- Cereal Bars/Flapjacks
- Biscuits
- Crisps – Multi packs
- Packets of wrapped boiled sweets
- NIVEA Soft Tube (75ml) Moisturising Cream
- [Vaseline Lip Therapy Petroleum Jelly 20g tins](#)

Please drop items to Catherine Nice, 1 Chorleywood Bottom, WD3 5JB. Items will be collected by Fundraising Officer, Freya Hollingsworth and distributed to the hospitals.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact;

[freya.hollingsworth@nhs.net](mailto:freya.hollingsworth@nhs.net) | 07585 299 495

Thank you!

## CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL

Did you, or your children or grandchildren go to Christ Church School? Or did you teach at the school?

If so Gillian Pugh is writing a book about the history of the school and would love to hear from you.

Do you have any special memories of your time at the school? Or do you have any photographs that could be included in the book?

Please contact Gillian at [gillian.pugh@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.pugh@gmail.com)

## CHORLEYWOOD 4 REFUGEES SNOWSUIT APPEAL

Chorleywood4Refugees are asking for urgent help to provide snow jackets, trousers and salopettes for refugee children in Europe living rough in bitterly cold winter conditions.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

EITHER DONATE ITEMS

Ski jackets, trousers and salopettes - please make sure items donated are in good condition (i.e. zips and buttons working and no holes or stains) contactless drop to:

18 Blacketts Wood Drive,  
Chorleywood, WD3 5QH if you are out taking exercise or passing getting your food shop.

OR DONATE FUNDS

So that items can be purchased asap in France,

to: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/217053026709712/>

Deadline - Friday 22nd January 2021