

Christ Church News

26th April 2021

UPCOMING AND REOPENING

We are so pleased that we are able to start running some youth and children's groups, and support groups in person.

Risk assessments are in place, sanitiser and ventilation sorted, and we are ready to welcome you back. Please remember to sign up for events in person, and to wear a face mask in the church buildings unless exempt.

Youth – Wednesday Youth gathering for ages 10 -18 (split into age appropriate groups) every week 7-9pm – [sign up here](#) to join us.

Kids – Lighthouse and Illuminate are back! For kids from any school – parents need to drop them off in person. To join contact brianna.ricciardo@cccw.org.uk

Lighthouse for kids from years 1, 2 and 3 meets on Wednesdays from school finish time until 4.45pm in the Junction.

Illuminate for kids in years 4 and 5 meets on Thursdays from school finish time until 5pm in the Junction.

Knit and Natter – Tuesdays 2pm – 3.30pm in The Junction. *Come and join our friendly, guided, Christian mutual support and encouragement group with scripture and prayer and of course knitting (even if you can't knit yet!)* [Sign up here](#)

Carers group – for all of those who find themselves in a caring role, a mutual support group. Back in person on Sunday 9th May at 3.45pm – [sign up here](#) and join us in the Children's room.

Prime timers – sadly this group is not yet able to meet up face to face due to current restrictions. However, we are meeting this week 28th April on zoom – [sign up here](#) to get the code to join us virtually.

Toddlers – we are restarting this week! Please contact toddlers@cccw.org.uk if you have any queries or want to join us.

CHRIST CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD

SUNDAY SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE! THE 6.30 SERVICE HAS MOVED TO THE EARLIER TIME OF 6PM.

8.30am Holy Communion – in person service and on line. [Click here](#) to sign up to attend the in person service.

10.30am Morning Worship – in person service IN THE CHURCHYARD and online. Includes Kids service for 5-10 year olds in the The Point, and Youth service for ages 10 and up. [Click here](#) to sign up to attend the in person service.

6.00pm Evening Service – in person and live streamed – [click here](#) to sign up to attend the in person service. Now at 6pm!

VERA MARSTON

Our dear friend Vera passed away on Monday 13th April.

Vera's funeral service will take place at Christ Church at 12noon on Tuesday 4th May. Sadly due to current COVID-19 restrictions only 30 people (immediate family and those who have been invited) can attend the service. The service will be live streamed – link can be [found here on the](#) day of the funeral (go to calendar on the website to locate the details) The service will remain available on this link afterwards.

We pray for Vera and her family as they remember a life well lived.

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN CHESHAM

Community Worker for Church to Community (C2C) Project at Chesham Methodist Church

Hours: 16 per week

Salary: £10.40 per hour (FTE £20,280)

Length of contract: 3 year fixed term but it is hoped that it may be extended subject to finance

Start date: to be agreed

A Community Worker is needed for the C2C Project at Chesham Methodist Church, to reach out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ by facilitating a range of projects to meet the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of local people. The role includes facilitating activities to support older people and others, including those living with dementia. Candidates should have experience of organising activities and/or events and of working with older people. A requirement for the candidate to be a practising Christian is an Occupational Requirement for this role in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

For an application pack please email Lu Gigg on amcircuitmethodist@gmail.com The deadline for applications has now been extended to Monday 17 May. Interviews will now be held on Friday 28 May

ELECTORAL ROLL AND APCM

On 16TH May at 4pm we will be holding our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) over Zoom. In preparation for this we are inviting church members to [join the electoral roll](#) (click link for form). All regular current attenders who are aged over 16 and who are not already on the roll are encouraged to join.

Only those who are on our electoral roll will be able to stand for, or vote in, our PCC and Deanery Synod elections due to be held at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The APCM is on 16th May at 4.00pm.

In 2019 we rebuilt our electoral roll list from scratch but in 2021 we are simply revising it, as we did in a delayed manner in 2020. So if you joined the roll in 2019 or 2020 there is no need to reapply.

If you are unsure whether your name is already on the roll please contact sarah.wright@cccw.org.uk to check.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sylvia Mann is delighted to announce the birth on Saturday, 24 April of her first grandchild, Frederik Michael to Chris and Charlotte. He'll be known as Freddie or Fred. We give thanks and praise for his safe arrival and that Charlotte is recovering well.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th – 16th May 2021

The Chorleywood Christian Aid Committee has decided that, sadly, it will not be able to hold its usual range of activities this year, including the house-to-house collection, St John Fisher Market or the film show due, of course, to the Covid 19 restrictions.

Christian Aid, however, has dire needs to meet overseas, so please do consider donating to them, to donate go to caweek.org/envelope.

We are still collecting stamps, coins, aluminium foil, electric cables, metals including brass copper and aluminum and similar cash generating items, with proceeds going to the Kenyan Children's Project (KCP). Please deliver to 70 Carpenters Wood Drive, or phone Bob Hubbard (282635) to collect within Chorleywood.

Christ Church is currently without a representative on the Christian Aid committee. If you are interested in the work of Christian Aid and would like to help support them through local events, and of course get to know people locally through the committee, please contact Sarah in the office who will put you in touch with the local group. Sarah.wright@cccw.org.uk

QUESTIONS FOR HOME GROUP USE

18 April 2021 Facing opposition and being different: Acts 22:30 – 23:22

Look briefly at the chapters before the reading for the day, chapters 19 to 22.

Question 1: How did Paul live out his faith? What was the relationship with the churches he visited?

Question 2: Paul experienced much opposition to the gospel. What forms does opposition take today – in this country? Elsewhere? How does this opposition affect you and your faith?

Question 3: How can you be more courageous for Christ? Do you want to be?

Question 4: What can you learn from Paul's testimony in chapter 22?

Question 5: Do you have the same zeal for Christ today as when you first became a Christian? Does Easter still excite you? (Remember that Paul had first seen Jesus on the road to Damascus over twenty years before.)

25 April 2021 Jesus calms the storms: Matthew 8:23-34

1. A physical storm calmed by Jesus

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marvelled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

The Sea of Galilee really can get rough!

Icebreaker: have you ever been caught in rough seas? What did you feel?

Life is like that sometimes, but Jesus is more powerful.

Question 1: How can life feel like a storm?

Question 2: The first step to a lost eternity is "Neglect", then "Refuse", then "Despise". Drifting is dangerous. Why is "Neglect" so serious?

Question 3: Do you agree with these suggested steps away from belief and trust in Jesus Christ?

2. A spiritual storm calmed by Jesus

²⁸ And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" ³⁰ Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. ³¹ And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs." ³² And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. ³³ The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men.

Sin is serious: it starts inside and goes on to spread and affect others.

Question 4: What do you make of these men's condition?

Question 5: How does this spiritual miracle compare with the calming of the storm?

(Mark 7:18-23) Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Look what appears in the same list as murder!

Jesus shows his power and his mercy (v32)

Question 6: Are there any surprising inclusions on this list of sins?

(privately) *Question 7:* Which one contains your greatest personal temptation to sin?

Question 8: Note that:

- The most prosperous people (the city dwellers) reject Christ.
- The most "spiritual" people (the disciples) are rebuked by Christ
- The most broken people (the demon-possessed men) are made whole by Christ.

Are you surprised that the only two people who appear in any kind of positive light are the demon possessed men?

Question 9: What challenges, inspires or encourages you most personally from this passage? What do you now need to do?

A Prayer

Dear loving heavenly father, thank you that you are in the storms of life, by our side, with power over all external forces including nature itself. Thank you for your presence with us, the important lessons you teach us, the warnings you share with us, and the deliverance you give to us. Help us now in faith to recognise our brokenness and vulnerability before you. In the power of the Holy Spirit touch our lives and the lives of those we love with your power, your mercy, your forgiveness and your peace, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen