

Christ Church News

May 2022

CHRIST CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD



APCM AND DAY OF CONSECRATION- SUNDAY 15TH MAY

A day when we consecrate ourselves to the Lord and what we believe to be His developing vision for our Church family.

Our APCM is held over Zoom again this year, making it easier for church members to attend. To join us please do click on this link <https://christchurchchorleywood.churchsuite.com/events/iuc1imwc> or go to the calendar on the website to sign up.

At the APCM we look at all that God has done for us in the past year, and look forward to next year as we trust in Him through what has been a challenging time. We are excited for plans for the future for Christ Church and hope to see as many of you on zoom as possible!

Only those on the electoral roll can vote at the APCM – if you have not joined our electoral roll please go to [this link](#) to join.

LOOKING AHEAD

10th May Prayer Gathering Zoom 8-9pm
<https://christchurchchorleywood.churchsuite.com/events/knffmhh>

Sign up on the link above through the calendar on the website to get the zoom code

24th June Jazz Evening

25th June Parish Visiting (See article in the newsletter!)

Youth Alpha: Just a reminder that youth alpha is on every Tuesday at 6pm at Church, it includes, discussion, games, video and free food! Please invite young people and their friends along for an open discussion about Christianity and faith

MORE DATES FOR THE SUMMER

Sunday 3rd July

BBQ after the 10.30am service – all welcome!

Saturday 9th July

Village Day – could you help on Christ Church's stall, or the joint Toddler stall with St Andrews's church? There will be cream teas sold in the church in aid of Playskill

25th – 28th July

DETONATE – SUMMER CLUB FOR KIDS

Sunday 7th August

International outdoor Bring and Share lunch

16th – 19th August

REAL Summer for Year 6 to Year 11



REAL SUMMER

We're back!

This summer we're back at church for REAL Summer, 16th-19th August, open to all Year 6s-11s (school year as of Sep 2021). Back for fun, games, events, worship, seminars, talks and more!

We're so looking forward to it! Please share with any youth you know or anyone that may want to help! For more info visit the website: www.real-summer.co.uk

To sign up to join us visit <https://christchurchchorleywood.churchsuite.com/events/5dj6sse3>

To join our team (we need you!!) go to this form

<https://christchurchchorleywood.churchsuite.com/forms/jqpvdxts>



LANGUAGE CAFÉ – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have restarted the Language Café on Thursdays, 10am - 12noon in the Junction with a particular emphasis on helping refugees from Ukraine to start learning or to improve their English language skills. Many families from Chorleywood have signed up to host people fleeing the war in Ukraine, some of whom have no or very little English.

We are looking for volunteers, and we are particularly interested in current or former language teachers or people who have done a TEFL course.

If you can help, please email me on margitgrassick@aol.com or send me a text on 07546 995947.

Thank you!

Margit

THANK YOU ROBBIE!

We were so blessed at our Maundy Thursday Supper when we not only had a delicious meal cooked by the amazing Martin, but also had a talk from Robbie Keen from Jenga.

Robbie challenged us to action to demonstrate our love for Christ – to volunteer, to give financially and to use our gifts that God has given us.

Robbie works for Jenga, a fantastic community outreach programme doing amazing work with communities in Uganda. He has asked us if we can see if any church members have old smart phones with chargers (working) that they would donate for the charity. If you do – please drop them into the office (restored to factory defaults please!) and we will pass them on.



ELECTORAL ROLL

Applications may be made to join Christ Church's electoral roll. [On this link](#) Note that you only need apply to if your name is not already on the roll, i.e. if you did not join it in 2019 or when we carried out renewal in 2020 or 2021

All regular (min monthly) 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 expected to be held on 15th May at 4.00pm.

In 2019 we rebuilt our electoral roll list from scratch but in 2022 we are simply revising it, as we did in 2021. So if you joined the roll in 2021 or earlier there is no need to reapply. If unsure whether or not your name is already on the roll then please contact office@cccw.org.uk to check.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN MOLDOVA

Following our appeal for financial assistance for Bethany Church, Moldova, we are pleased to say that we are sending over £6000 to them in the coming days as a result of your generosity. The church continues to receive refugees. They currently have many staying in the church itself as well as cooking food and supporting those living in centres nearby.

We will keep the appeal open after this initial transfer of funds, and make payments to the church as donations gather. You can still support through card payments [via the Ukraine page on the website](#), or by sending a cheque clearly marked 'MOLDOVA' payable to Christ Church Chorleywood PCC to the church office, or by transfer to 40 52 40 Account 00007771 clearly referencing Moldova. Any funds unused by Bethany Church if refugees are able to go home will be used to continue to support the Church's work with communities in Moldova.

AN UPDATE FROM CHORLEYWOOD 4 UKRAINE

The group have been working away with the volunteers as families start to arrive in the village. Here is a short summary from them:

- more than 80 volunteers have indicated that they would like to be involved, from Christ Church and elsewhere in the area
- roughly a dozen local families have Ukrainian guests staying with them already, or are expecting them to arrive soon
- some community activities for our new guests have already started - e.g. the weekly language cafe - and many more are planned
- the main vehicle for supporting guests and their hosts is likely to be the emergence of befrienders, people who come alongside a guest and host and get to know them well and help with tasks relating to the guest's stay and integration into the local community
- volunteers will also be getting involved in other tasks for Ukrainian guests, e.g. transport, hospitality, language help, dialogue with local authorities and so forth

LONDON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (LST) TRAINING DAY 7TH MAY

'DEVELOPING DEEPER DISCIPLESHIP'

'The Community of the Church - Reaching the Struggling'

Our Training Partnership colleagues at LST in Northwood (but also online) are running a training day on Saturday 7 May (10:00 - 15:30) focussed on equipping people to come alongside those who are struggling as we rebuild after the pandemic.

Do you run a home group or other group within the church? Are you one of those who talks to people over coffee to find out how they're doing? Do you find it a challenge supporting people pastorally? If so, this training day - where we explore how to know ourselves and God, becoming better equipped to come alongside others who are struggling.- may be for you.

Further details on their website at <https://lst.ac.uk/meeting/faith-seeking-understanding/>

The training will be at LST's Northwood campus (Green Lane) or you can join us online. The cost is £10 (£8 if you join us online) – tea and coffee will be served (please bring your own lunch).

Book at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-seeking-understanding-tickets-184854273107>

... and please let the church office know (<mailto:office@cccw.org.uk>) so we can coordinate the workshop groups with LST.



ROBERT McLEISH

Robert, who died on Good Friday, played a key role, together with his wife Judy, in the life of Christ Church from the 1970s onwards. They were integral to the dynamic spiritual development of the fellowship. Both were in leadership roles, with Robert serving for years as Church Warden. He was Head of Local Radio Training at the BBC. He and I wrote many of the excruciating pun-ridden scripts that formed the basis of many Christ Church social evenings.

Robert's funeral will be on 13th May at 2pm at St Mary's Church, Stanford on Teme, Worcs, WR6 6SH. It is off the B 4203 Great Witley to Bromyard Road.

Judy says that all are welcome to the service. Robert requested that no flowers should be sent but instead any gifts should be made to www.wateraid.com

Judy and all their family are in our prayers. Robert truly deserves the Lord's tribute:

'Well done, good and faithful servant'.

Geoff Marshall-Taylor



Pop Up CAFÉ at the Junction

Mission Employable have started running a café at The Junction on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8.30– 10.30am and 2.30 – 4.30pm

They have a good selection of drinks and snacks and outdoor seating in good weather – drop in and say hello to the students and support them as they learn new skills.

LAZARUS BOX

The aim of the Lazarus Box scheme is to encourage each of us “to live more simply so that others might simply live”. By putting that into practice over the past 40 years our fellowship has raised well over £150k to fund projects providing essential, life-saving healthcare, clean water, education, housing.....to help banish starvation, save lives and bring hope to communities in many countries where needs are great.

Kenyan Children’s Project is an existing preferred mission organisation. They are building a facility called Imani in Kakamega and Christ Church is going to help with the funding of this large capital project.

The Crisis Centre will be able to provide up to 96 vulnerable children temporary residential care, at any one time.

Donations can be made via the website or into the dedicated collection box in church.

The Lazarus Box can be found at the back of the church. For more information please speak to a member of MAG (Julie Dickins,



PARISH VISITING

Saturday 25 June – 9.30am-12.30pm

Visiting Morning – our first chance for over two years to walk round our parish, knock on doors and chat to people. For the first time ever, we will be able to invite them to watch online services and/or attend our summer outdoor services and social events in person.

If you would like to help please do email office@cccw.org.uk stating if you are happy to knock on doors, or if you prefer to be in the praying team at the Junction, who will praying for those going out into the parish whilst visiting is taking place.



DETONATE 2022

CHORLEYWOOD CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 25th to Friday 29th July

...the highlight of the summer!

Run by the churches of Chorleywood,

Booking is now open for kids and Team

Kids places are filling up fast – a week into bookings and over 150 places have been booked!

Go online to www.detonate.org.uk and fill in your application form.

Book NOW to secure a place!





Restore Hope Latimer have some exciting new opportunities for volunteers, any day of the week. If you would like to be part of teams in the following areas, please contact:

joanna.clare@restorehopelatimer.org

- Animal team (we have new goats!)
- Youth team
- Catering/cooking team
- Gardens team
- Children's team
- Minibus team
- Delivery driver team



Our nimble-fingered members at 'Knit and Natter' raised around £900 with their Easter chicks and baskets.

What a fabulous total- well done!

50% of the funds will go to Tearfund, with the remainder being split between Playskill, the Lazarus project and the Peace Hospice

A MESSAGE FROM THE ELLARDS

'Maelynn and I count it a real privilege to have been Christ Church Chorleywood Mission Partners for well over thirty years and your faithful prayers and support down the years have been such a blessing and encouragement.

Last month we asked you to pray that we would find somewhere suitable to live close to our family in Purley nr. Croydon.

I'm delighted to say that we believe we've found just what we have been praying for. Last week we looked at six two bedroomed apartments in "Gresham Court", a retirement block that is close to the Purley shopping centre, 10 minutes walk from Christ Church Purley and near family too.

In closing, thank you so much for your fellowship, support and prayers.'

Maelynn and Alan



APPEAL FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PLEASE...

Washing powder, washing up liquid, shower gel, shampoo and deodorant gratefully received at:

The Mill, Methodist Church, Berry Lane, WD3 7HJ (Tues: 2-4pm; Fri 10-12)

or Tesco or Waitrose in-store collection points, (for items bought in store).

CHORLEYWOOD MENS HEALTH DAY!

The Friends of Prostate Sufferers (FOPS) have lined up a number of the country's top expert clinicians in health matters impacting men from age 50 to come and talk with you, with the aim of helping you maintain the best possible quality of life.

Come with your questions and learn about men's health and disease from national clinical experts. Enjoy the educational discussion and humorous disc

14th MAY @ The Royal Masonic School. Tickets here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-2022-chorleywood-mens-health-day-tickets-309569329197>