

## Newslink 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

<b>9.00am</b>	Holy Communion	<i>Steve Bishop</i>
<b>10.30am</b>	Contemporary Service Explosive! Rooted and RiSE meet.	<i>Steve Bishop</i>

**New to Christ Church?** If you are new and want to find out more, please speak to one of the Stewards or Welcomers who greeted you as you came in, or speak to the Service Leader who will be at the door as you leave. Programme, Information and Newcomers' cards are available in the Foyer.

### The week ahead at Christ Church 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Mon	9.00am	Foyer Coffee shop CSI Easter in church Monday - Friday
Tue		
Wed		
Thu	2.30pm	TFX (Philippi)
Fri	8.00pm	Choir rehearsal for Good Friday
Sat		
Sun	9.00am 10.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Communion Contemporary Service Explosive! Rooted and RiSE meet Mission Prayer Worship Night

### Dates for your diary

**Praying For Transformation In Our Parish.** It is time to change the atmosphere in our parish, so we are inviting you to pray for Purley road by road. This week we are praying for **More Close** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

**TFX Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2.30pm Philippi:** Monthly bible study and discussion for 50+. Who is Christ – The Humble King. Rick Warren says "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." What do you think?

**Can you help? Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2.30pm.** Can you help transform the church after CSI Easter? Jude would like to have some volunteers to help move the chairs and books ready for the weekend.

**Mission prayer and information Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 5.30-6.30pm (Lebanon / Nazareth)**  
An opportunity for everyone interested in mission and prayer to gather and find out what's going on with Christ Church in the mission field and also to explore opportunities to engage with mission all over the world. There will be tea/coffee and biscuits/cake and space to pray into the different aspects of mission life. Info: Ann Foley and Bej Pal.

**Bereavement support group Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1.00pm Lebanon / Nazareth.** Meet for light lunch and chat. Info: Pauline Chapman

**Anxiety - is there any cure? Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30 to 5.30pm:** There may not be a miracle 'quick-fix' formula to eliminate this very common complaint. However, there are simple strategies and tactics that we can use to reduce the symptoms. Come along to a session led by Angela Wicke, Psychotherapist and Mindful Pilates Teacher, and her husband Ed. Followed by tea/coffee and cake. Info and to book a free place contact Judy Strawson [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk)

**Extravaganza: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 3.45pm.** Fun, games, craft and God! Bookings for Extravaganza booking open 9.00am Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March on the Church website. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**Got Questions about Life? Try Alpha:** Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of Christian faith. The Alpha course is for anyone who is curious about Christianity. Next course - **Saturday mornings for seven weeks starting 27<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am** for 9.30 start finishing at 11.30. Breakfast included and a crèche is available.

**Breakfast taster session Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am** open to anyone who is interested in seeing the updated DVDs

Book your place at [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk) / 8763 8291 for more details. Info: Nicola Rogers / Fran King

**Dear Christ Church family!** We are excited that our new Vicar, the Reverend Douglas McHardie and his family are joining us soon! Rev. Doug's licensing Service will be on the evening of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. The plan is to have a light finger buffet with wine, non-alcoholic punch and the usual hot drinks, all served in the hall. We are looking for folk to help with the following so if you'd like to get involved, please do email Amanda Shortland [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk) with your ideas and offers!

**Books of the Month: When Heaven is Silent - Trusting God When it Hurts by Ron Dunn - £9.99.** Following the tragic death of his son Ron Dunn made a shattering discovery - You can trust God and still get hurt. Experiencing first-hand grief, guilt and depression, Ron shares insights along his way to healing. From asking "Why" to the forward moving "What now?" he began to move from darkness into light.

**A Place of Healing - Wrestling with the mysteries of Suffering, Pain and God's Sovereignty by Joni Eareckson Tada £9.99** Over 40 years ago, a diving accident left Joni a quadriplegic. Asking "If God can heal me, why won't He?" she takes you on a very personal, intimate journey back to basic questions about healing, suffering and hope.

**Books for Lent - Reconciliation by Muthuraj Swamy.** The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2019 £9.99

Pilgrim Journeys - 40 days of Reflections on the Beatitudes by Steven Croft £2.99

**Church warden vacancy** – there is one vacancy as church warden. Please speak to James Ganpatsingh or Martin Ryan for more information. Nomination forms available from Church.

**PCC Membership** - there are four PCC vacancies arising this year. Would you like to know more? Please contact any PCC member\* for information about becoming involved in this interesting and important aspect of our fellowship. \*Current PCC members: Steve Bishop, Simon Stocks, Abi Ryan, Martin Ryan, James Ganpatsingh, Harry Ventham, Kim Watts, Carl Knightly, Marjorie Marsh, Fran King, Abraham Choong, Lola Bejide, Paula Reed, Richard Slade, Nick Whitley, Ruth Laws, Cynthia Smith, David Hunn, Amanda Shortland, Andy Leigh, Andrew Strawson and Trevor Jones. Nomination forms available from Church.

**Electoral roll: 2019 is the year we start a completely new electoral roll.** Even if you are on the current electoral roll, you will **not** be on the new one *unless* you complete a new 2019 electoral roll form. If you wish to go on the new 2019 electoral roll and either live in the parish or have attended for at least the last 6 months and are baptised, please complete a new 2019 electoral roll form and return it to the office.

Reasons to be on the Church Electoral roll: -

- You can vote at the annual church meeting
- You can nominate any one for to stand for the PCC
- You can stand for the PCC
- or you can stand as church warden.

You can also request a form to be sent by email [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk)

All completed forms must be in the office by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**'Wonderworld Workshop' Holiday club 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> August. Team required!** Application forms now available! We'd LOVE to welcome as many children and families to 'Wonderworld Workshop,' as we discover the amazing stories of Jesus. This year we are hoping to run two clubs in one! Alongside our holiday club for 5-11yr olds, we are all piloting a toddler club for children aged 0-4yrs and their parents/carers. Therefore, not only do we need an awesome team for our holiday club, but we also need team for our toddler club! Serving on team is rewarding, exciting, fun and exhilarating! If you can help in anyway - please can we ask for you to complete the application form and return to Jude Barber by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to see you on team! Please note: certain roles require DBS clearance and references.

**Thank you** to all who helped and attended Kofi's thanksgiving service. Donations received and sent to the Alzheimer's Society on the day was £567. Joy Assa-Darko and family

**Jill Lindsey has moved**

**Buying for the church:** Whilst it is much appreciated that people notice a need for something to use within the church complex or for one of our ministry areas I would like to remind you that every ministry and maintenance area has a budget and that the Ministry Team Leader (budget holder) needs to authorise expenditure before a purchase is made please. *Thank you.*

**Children at Christ Church School need you!** The school is fundraising for SAM Labs engineering kits so that every child will have the opportunity to participate in engaging and interactive activities, linking science and technology with real world systems. Help us by supporting our project on Rocket Fund, either by making a donation or by sharing with your friends or workplace. Every donation, big or small, helps <https://spsr.me/taw8>

**Asking for cash** - Please note it is not the policy at Christ Church to give cash to members of the public or congregation who ask. The best way to help is by contacting the pastoral team on 07582 622 928 Monday- Friday 9.00am-5.00pm or consider giving donations to the Food Hub.

**Foyer Coffee Shop • 9.00am – 12noon**

**Church Office • Monday – Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm only**

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