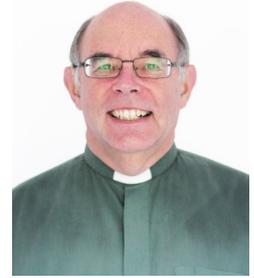


Sunday 5th August 2018



WELCOME TO
CHRIST CHURCH
WINCHESTER



Welcome to Christ Church. If you are new to the church do please introduce yourself to those around you, to one of the people on Connection Point in the concourse, or to one of our clergy or service leaders. We would love to meet you. Alternatively, you could fill in a welcome card (found at the back of church) and we would be delighted to come and visit you.

A big thank you to all who prayed for those of us in Kisoro during July and who provided practical help for the trip. 12 young people and 6 leaders from Christ Church were joined by around a dozen from Kisoro with the aim of growing as disciples by learning with and from each other. We worked under the authority of Bishop Cranmer and the Diocesan Secretary (Rev Stephen Ruzaza).

We studied together: both the Bible and our respective cultures. Our teachers were drawn from Kisoro, Winchester and Kalerwe. This threw up a lot of interesting discussion and differing teaching styles and theologies. Our Bible studies focused on some of the parables: particularly memorable was Stephen's teaching about remaining persistent in prayer (with the acronym PUSH – Pray Until Something Happens). The Winchester group encountered an oral culture where family stories from many generations back were being told.

We did practical activities together: painting and decorating some diocesan properties; assemblies in Sseseme Primary School; meeting with the girls at Sseseme Girls Secondary (including those being sponsored by Winchester University) and being with the babies in Potter's Village Neo-natal Care Unit. The study week ended with a combined Kisoro and Winchester team taking on the infant school at football – we won (just!), and the pitch invasion by a goat didn't put the team off.

The team was co-opted as the guest choir for the English language services in the cathedral (using both English and the local Rufumbira language) – we were told this visible sign of working together had a huge impact on the congregation. In addition, I was used by Bishop Cranmer to preach at two village confirmation services.

Living in community for over two weeks has been a good (if challenging) experience for all of us. We have needed to learn what it means to forgive, to cherish and to care (particularly when some of us were ill towards the end of the trip).

All who attended have challenges to work through from what we have learnt, so keep praying for us in both Winchester and Kisoro. Pray too as we dream what future trips might look like.

Finally, a huge thank you to Charlotte Pascall, our Youth and Schools Minister; the trip would not have happened or worked without her enthusiasm, dedication and care.

- Rev Canon Brian Wakelin (Assistant Minister)

Going Deeper

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Please *pray* 🙏 together with WTC Hub Director Deborah Chua, that God would stir the hearts and minds of those He wants to join the Hub this year to study. Please also prayerfully consider if God is calling *you* to join us this year!



Would you like to deepen your knowledge of the Bible and be better equipped to serve God in all spheres of life (work, home and church)? WTC (Westminster Theological Centre) offers fully accredited part-time university courses (two year certificate, BA (Hons), Graduate Diploma and MA) in **Kingdom Theology**, delivered in local Hubs (your closest is here!) so you can study and work at the same time. We combine the best of academic scholarship with the vibrant life of the Spirit.

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There's still time to apply: **2018 application deadline is 12th August!**

Church Prayer Meeting
Tomorrow 8-9pm

Join us as we pray for our church, the vacancy, our local community and the wider world.



Congratulations to Rob Baston who is marrying Sarah Elson this Saturday 11th August at St Saviour's Church in Guildford at 1pm. All are welcome to attend!



Why should the youth have all the fun? Christ Church has a very active community of mature members who meet at many different activities specifically for over-50s. The new name for this group is SAGES (Senior Adults: Growing, Engaging and Serving).

SAGES are having a **BBQ** this Thursday 9th August, 6pm at Sue Collinson's house (Twyford Vicarage) - please bring a dessert or salad. Sign up in the concourse or at <https://bit.ly/2OeHL8i>. Spaces are filling up fast!

Prayer for the week - Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.