



CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER



Sunday 17th March 2019

Welcome! If you are new here, thank you for coming—it's great to have you with us.

Do stay for a drink and say hello at Connection Point in the concourse, or to one of our clergy or service leaders. If you fill in a welcome card (in the concourse, via www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome or scan the QR code in the top left corner) we would be delighted to meet up with you.

Connecting up

“Christian leadership is not meant to be a solo operation, but a team experience where the gifts of the team complement and balance one another.” So writes James Lawrence, author of the ‘Growing Leaders’ course we are running. Jesus models this for us in how he gathers his team of disciples around him.

One of my responsibilities here at church is to oversee and lead the Small Groups – and I have a team of people to do this with me! These people are called Connect Pastors and each Small Group leader is linked to one. I want to thank Alison and Ian Coulter who have done a great job in being Connect Pastors, particularly for the young adult groups. I am delighted that Jamie and Jennie Cann are taking on this responsibility and joining the team. They will be at the Taster Sessions which meet here on Wednesday evenings at 8pm through Lent, so if you are not in a Small Group and would like to be, do please come and join us here at church.

As part of our vision for these coming months, we believe God is encouraging us all to be connected in some way with others in church. We all need to be supported and mutually accountable in our journey of faith. I know it can be a struggle at times to find a group that suits us, but let's persevere in this. Please pray for me and the Connect Pastors and all the Small Group leaders, and ask God what he is calling you to do in this important part of church life. May the Lord make our love *“increase and overflow for each other”* (1 Thessalonians 4:10). Amen!

- Sue Collinson, Fellowship and Pastoral Director

TODAY

The outsider welcomed in - [Luke 14:1-14 \(pgs. 1047-8\)](#)

8am	Communion	Preacher	Arthur Croad
9.30am	Service of the Word	Preacher	Mike Carson
11.15am	Communion	Preacher	George Watkinson
6pm	Evening Service	Preacher	George Watkinson

[All sermons and notices are available at www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup](http://www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup)

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NOTICES



Sign up for the Electoral Roll

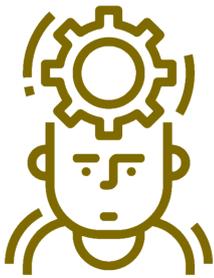
In concourse or www.ccwinch.org.uk/electoralroll



Easter Services & Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

Please see the back page for full details of all the Easter services. Maundy Thursday at 6pm we are having a Seder Meal to re-enact how Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples.

Please book so that we can arrange catering: tinyurl.com/smeal19



YCF Leaders Training with Breakfast

Sat 30th Mar, 9am-12.30pm Main Church

We are meeting to develop our vision, remind ourselves of God's bigger plans and share encouragements in our Youth, Children and Families' ministry.

Daves Fenton & Thornton will introduce a process for developing the vision and Belinda Smith will help us think through how we can grow in confidence in playing our part in that vision.

Please keep the morning free, more details to follow.



Finances update letter

In the concourse

The recent letter from the Treasurer is available in the concourse, if you have not already received it by email.



Men's Curry - This Week

Thu 7.30pm, Balaka, Stoney Lane, Weeke

Over 30 of us are going - still some spaces left...

£12 per head. Please sign up at tinyurl.com/ccwcurrym19



SAGES (Over-50s) Pub Lunch

Fri Noon (12pm), The Old Forge Otterbourne

Please let us know if you're able to join us

- contact mike@caplins.co.uk or phone 02380 261947.



Standing Together: Praise, Worship & Lament

Winchester Vineyard Church, 1st May 7.00-9.30pm

WTC's Dr. Matt Lynch will explore what the Bible teaches about praise and lament, and how bringing them together can greatly enrich the church's life of worship.

Free event: <https://wtctheology.org.uk/hampshire-events-2019/>

United 19

Let the Office know if you are coming to New Wine Week 1 - pop into the office or email (office@ccwinch.org.uk).



Weekly prayer meeting for the vicar vacancy

Wednesdays 7-8am, Main Church

Come and join us to pray specifically for the shortlisting and upcoming interviews next month.



Staff changes

Congratulations to Liz Ord who will be Acting Director of Operations from April-September (when we hope a new vicar will arrive!).

Many thanks to Sarah Marshall-Ellison for her wonderful skills in keeping things running smoothly over the past 2 years. We wish Sarah every blessing as she and Richard move to Carlisle.



Volunteer Opportunity - Christ Church Winchester Office Administration, flexible hours, until September

With the staff changes happening in April, we would appreciate extra hands to help answer phones and handle administrative tasks in the office. If you are available a few hours a week and could support the team please contact Liz via office@ccwinch.org.uk.



Volunteer Opportunity - Winchester Basics Bank Treasurer (& Director of the Board of Trustees)

The Winchester Basics Bank provides emergency food and clothing to over 1400 residents each year. It handles about £30,00 expenditure and gives out £80,000 of food.

If interested, please contact the chair, Mike Slinn at chair@winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk or call 0780 313 6831.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS — [MORE AT CCWINCH.ORG.UK/PRAYER](https://www.ccwinch.org.uk/prayer)

Prayer for the Week

*Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen***

School Assemblies

Pray for the Deanery Schools Team as they take out the Easter message that Jesus died on the cross so that everyone who trusts him can live forever:

Mon: All Saints, Kings Worthy, Weeke, Harestock, St Faiths

Tue: Owslebury, Stanmore, Oliver's Battery, Micheldever, King's Somborne, Braishfield

Wed: St Mary's, South Wonston, Sparsholt, Winnall, Ampfield, John Keble, Pilgrims Pre-Prep

Thu: Cheriton, Compton, Otterbourne

Fri: St Bede's, Shepherds Down

Pray for the Vicar Vacancy

Please continue to pray for the vicar vacancy process, as the applications are now being shortlisted with candidates being chosen for interview at the end of April.

Community Prayer Book

Please do put any prayer requests into the Community Prayer Request book in the concourse, so that we may pray for each other during the week.

THIS WEEK ([MORE INFO AT CCWINCH.ORG.UK/DIARY](http://CCWINCH.ORG.UK/DIARY))

Monday	9.45am	Oasis (Women)	Bible study, conversation and cake.
	8pm	Hush	Make space & spend time with God.
Tuesday	8am	Pray (Students)	Hub Room
	10-11.30am	Bumps and Babies	Simeon Room
	10-11.30am	Toddlers (0-4s)	Main Church. £1 entry.
	7pm	Life (Students)	Main Church
Wednesday	7-8am	Prayer for the church	Prayer for the vicar vacancy period
	11am	Mid-week communion	
	12.30pm	Nosh (Students)	Simeon Room: Free student lunch
	8pm	Small Groups Taster	Main Church. Bible study and fellowship.
Thursday	2.30pm	SAGES Lent Course	Prayer beforehand at 1.45pm. Simeon Room. All welcome.
	6pm	Pathfinders (sch yr 7-9)	Games, talk, supper. £2 entry.
	7pm	Download (sch yr 10-13)	Games, talk, supper. £2 entry.
	7.30pm	Men's Curry Night	with speaker at Balaka. £12. Book tinyurl.com/ccwcurrym19
Friday	5.45pm	XPC (sch yr 5-6)	Games, talk, tuck shop. 50p entry.

Sun 24th Mar - Jesus' heart for the lost - [Luke 15:11-32 \(pg. 1049\)](#)

8am	Communion	Preacher	TBC
9.30am	Service of the Word with children's groups	Preacher	Dave Fenton
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	Sue Collinson
6pm	Communion	Preacher	Jack Percey



† EASTER †



Maundy Thursday 18 th April	6pm	Seder Meal and drama	Re-enactment of the Passover meal that Jesus and his disciples shared on their last night together. <i>Please book so that we can arrange catering at tinyurl.com/smeal19</i>
Good Friday 19 th April	10am	All Age Service	Main Church
	2pm	Reflective Service	Main Church
Easter Day 21 st April	8am	Communion	Simeon Room
	10am	All Age Service	Main Church
	6pm	Evening Service	With baptisms & confirmations