



CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER



Sunday 31st 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.

Truth in an uncertain world

Welcome to Christ Church!

We're preparing candidates for baptism and confirmation at Easter. It's always a huge privilege as we help people to think through what they believe and what difference their belief makes.

In John 18, Jesus says in his trial before Pilate, "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." To which, Pilate replies, "What is truth?"

That's a question people are still asking in an era of fake news. Jesus still proclaims that if you want to find truth, then you listen to him. When the world asks, "What is truth?" Jesus answers, "I am the truth."

As we move closer to Easter, it's a good time for us to think about what truths we believe and why. The creed which our candidates for confirmation will be saying on Easter Sunday is this:

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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TODAY

Mothersing Sunday - Jesus and the coming kingdom - [Luke 17:20-37 \(pg. 1051\)](#)

8am	Communion	Preacher	Arthur Croad
9.30am	Service of the Word with children's groups	Preacher	Dave Thornton
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
6pm	Evening Service	Preacher	Download group leading

All sermons and notices are available at www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup

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We're picking up that theme of Jesus' return and judgement from our readings today in Luke 17.20-37. There Jesus says that God has judged before in the times of Noah and Lot, so it's guaranteed. Our faith is not a matter of interpretation, but it is based on events in history – Jesus crucified, died and risen again.

As you think about this, why not share your journey with someone else you trust. Where are you in terms of your own belief? I hope you discover again the truth that is Jesus.

- Dave Thornton, Youth, Children and Families' Director

CHURCH NOTICES



Church prayer meeting Tomorrow (Mon) 8pm, Main Church

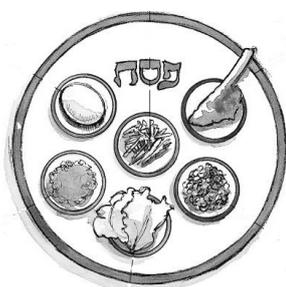
Join us as we pray for the upcoming vicar candidate interviews and share what is happening across the broad range of ministries in the church and pray for them.



Over half of us have done it! Have you?

Sign up for the Electoral Roll

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



Maundy Thursday (18th) Seder Meal 6pm

Book now! Online or in concourse.

Everyone is welcome to join in as we have a Passover Seder meal. It's a chance to gather together during Easter as a whole family and celebrate as Jesus and his disciples did.

It's an experience that will increase your understanding of the symbolism of Jesus as the sacrificial lamb.

Please book so we can cater for you: tinyurl.com/smeal19

EASTER SERVICES

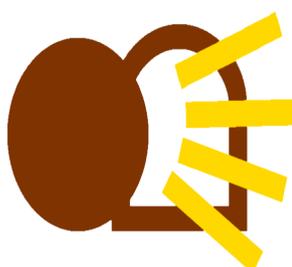


Good Friday (19th)

10am All Age Service

2pm Reflective Service

A quiet service to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us



Easter Sunday (21st)

8am Communion

10am All Age Service

Celebration service that Christ has risen! Alleluia!

6pm Evening Service

Celebration service with baptisms and confirmations

IN THE COMMUNITY AND WIDER WORLD



Karis Kids - big announcement today!

Karis Kids links UK families to Ugandan families who are caring for orphans from the slums of Kampala. They have grown during the last 12 years to now helping over 100 families.

Today they have exciting news that will open doors for many more families to be reached - find out more at www.kariskids.org



Stronger Together - Homelessness Service

Wed 3rd April 3.30pm, Winchester Cathedral

This service celebrates the synergy of Winchester City housing team, Trinity, West View, Emmaus, Nightshelter and other organisations in helping to alleviate homelessness in the city.

There will also be reflections on the lives of those experiencing homelessness, and their personal journeys to find "home".



Beauty from Brokenness - meditation and movement

St Alban's Church, Hindhead, Surrey, Sat 27th Apr 10am - 4pm

Explore Scripture through meditation and movement in a day of workshops by Judith and Rebecca. Come to receive and find a new way to connect with, talk to and spend time with the Lord! Tickets £10. Email purplejudith@googlemail for more details.



Free WTC courses - registration ending this week!

Westminster Theological Centre have 6-week and 10-week courses available **for free until early April**.

You can study on your own or with friends.

Sign up now to avoid missing out!

<https://wtctheology.org.uk/wtcresource/>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS — [MORE AT CCWINCH.ORG.UK/PRAYER](http://CCWINCH.ORG.UK/PRAYER)

Prayer Diary for April now available from the sidespeople

Prayer for the Week

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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))

NOTE: All Term-time groups end this week. (XPC ended last week.)

Monday	9.45am	Oasis (Women)	Bible study, conversation and cake
	8pm	Church Prayer Meeting	Main Church
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	
	7pm	Prison Ministry Prayer	Hub room upstairs.
	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
	7.45pm	Men's Pub Night	St James Tavern, Romsey Road.

7th April - Jesus and Money - [Luke 18:18-30 \(pg. 1052\)](#)

8am	Communion	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
9.30am	All Age Service	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	George Watkinson
6pm	Evening Service	Preacher	George Watkinson



† 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