



CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER



Sunday 19th May 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. Please visit www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome as well.

Prayer

You might ask 'What is the vision of Christ Church during this vacancy period?'. As I was reflecting on our 'Prepare' vision card, the part that struck me most was the first column on prayer. My dream for Christ Church is not that we would host more events, have more frequent church picnics, or even have a bigger budget. Whilst these are not bad things, they do not compare to a church committed to, and sustained by, prayer.

On Wednesday, we had our first of eight evenings on prayer called 'Push'. It was an encouraging time of learning how to pray and sharing with one another some of the struggles we have in our own prayer life. It's certainly hard, given our busy schedules, to commit to a sustainable rhythm of prayer. Yet you don't need to live in a monastery to set aside time for prayer. In fact, the busier we are, the more we must not let our schedule get in the way of committing time with God. Francis de Sales, the great 17th century spiritual director observed, *"Half an hour's listening is essential except when you are very busy. Then a full hour is needed."* The more demands on your time, the more time it will take to remain rooted in your relationship with God.

Why not try this: first thing in the morning, perhaps even before getting out of bed, set aside some time when you will be simply and fully present to God. Resist the urge to turn on your phone or check your email first. You might start the day with a prayer of praise, gratitude, self-offering, or intercession. If you read from the Psalms, or make your way through a passage of Scripture, jot down a word or phrase that stands out to you, and keep it in your pocket throughout the day.

Let's prepare ourselves for the next chapter of our church's life by being a people of prayer.
- George Watkinson, Curate

TODAY

Sunday 19th May - Of your own do we give you - [1 Chronicles 29:10-20](#)

8am	Communion	Preacher	Sam Dinsmore
9.30am	Service of the Word (with children's groups)	Preacher	Mike Carson
11.15am	Communion	Preacher	Amanda Denniss
6pm	Evening Service with Student Baptisms	Preacher	Jess Ross

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

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CHURCH NOTICES

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This Monday 8pm, Simeon Room

Carve space in your frenetic, filled schedule time to refresh, revisit and respond to God. Led by Brian Draper.



Nature Diary

- homework for next week!

To help us consider God's creation more closely, ready for next week's sermon on stewardship of the world, we encourage you to fill in the Nature Diary with your families over the coming week.

What's the most beautiful/rare creature you will see this week?

Scramblers

Scramblers Get-together today

2-4pm Simeon Room

Fun and a Marble Run! We'll be having tea, games and making the longest marble run ever.

Bring something nut-free along for the tea.



PUSH: Prayer course & Worship

Continues Wednesdays 7.30 - 9pm, Main Church

We move on to the second session this week, find out why we need to move from using a microscope to using a telescope to deepen our relationship with God. prayercourse.org/sessions



Check the pigeonholes - is there a letter for you?

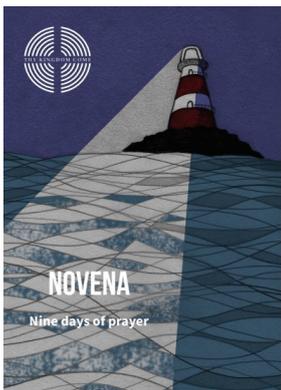
There are letters for all those who gave with Gift Aid during 18/19, including via the Parish Giving Scheme and those given directly to Christ Church.

Thank you so much for your gift and please collect your letter.



Tower Prayer Room open

"A prayer room is first and foremost a living room—a place where the Father waits for his children to come and climb into his arms," Pete Grieg. **Come and spend time in God's embrace: the room is available during weekdays.**



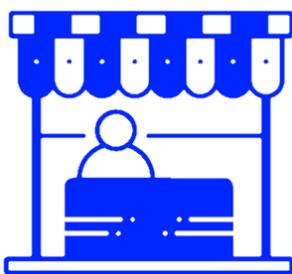
Thy Kingdom Come 2019 - Prayer Booklets in concourse

Join with the entire Christian family around the globe in prayer in the lead up to Pentecost,

Please take a free copy of the Novena booklet and the Prayer Journal from the concourse - they are great resources to help you pray with intention and as a habit.

Electronic versions (for keeping on your phone or tablet) are at:
tinyurl.com/novena19 and tinyurl.com/tkcprayer19

OPPORTUNITIES

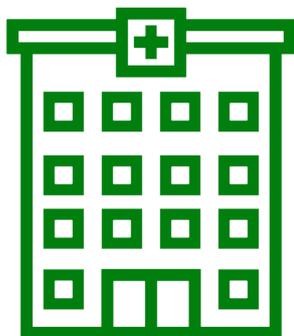


Opportunities Fair

After the service today, in the concourse

Find out how you can help engage and contribute to what God is doing in the church, locally and globally, by talking with the people on the stalls in the concourse.

There are many ways your unique skills and time can be used.



I was sick and you visited me...

Opportunities to help in Winchester Hospital

Sunday Mornings:

Can you help patients on the wards by taking communion to them on Sunday mornings? The chaplaincy team are looking for assistants – even once a month will be a blessing to them.

Wednesday Mornings Coffee in the Chapel:

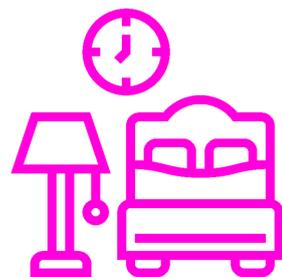
Could you join the small band of volunteers who help run this event that meets a real need for patients to get off the wards and to help them start to see what life will be like after discharge? Whilst not an overtly Christian event, the team find that it opens up some deeply spiritual conversations.

As there has to be one volunteer for every patient (due to the rules for emergency evacuations).



Appropriate training and induction will be given

Please contact Brian Wakelin (brian.wakelin@ccwinch.org.uk).



Can you provide accommodation?

A pastor from Kigali has been accepted onto a Master's course at the university from the autumn and needs somewhere to stay, are you in a position to help?

Please contact Brian Wakelin (brian.wakelin@ccwinch.org.uk).

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

May Prayer Diary

The Prayer Diary for May is now available from the sidespeople and also available online at www.ccwinch.org.uk/prayer

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Community Prayer Book is in the concourse for your prayer requests.

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

Today	2-4pm	Scramblers get-together	Fun and games. Simeon Room.
	3.30pm	Prayer ministry team meeting	
Mon 20th	9.45am	Oasis (Women)	Coffee, faith and cake. Creche provided.
	7.30pm	PCC	Simeon Room.
	8pm	Hush	Main Church. Christian meditation and reflection with Brian Draper.
Tue 21st	8am	Pray (Students)	
	10am	Toddlers (0-4s)	Main Church. Play and chat. £1.
	10am	Bumps & Babies	Simeon Room. Share together.
	7pm	Life (Students)	
Wed 22nd	11am	Midweek Communion	
	7.30-9pm	PUSH: Prayer Course and Worship	Course based on material by Pete Greig (of 24/7 Prayer).
Thu 16th	6pm	Pathfinders (sch yr 7-9)	Games, talk, supper. £2 entry.
	7pm	Download (sch yr 10-13)	Games, talk, supper. £2 entry.
Fri 17th	5.45pm	XPC (sch yr 5-6)	Games, talk, tuck shop. 50p entry.

Sunday 26th May - To take care of it - [Genesis 2:4-15](#)

8am	Communion	Preacher	Arthur Croad
9.30am	All Age Service <i>(Start of Half Term)</i>	Preacher	Dave Thornton
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	Dave Fenton
6pm	Communion	Preacher	Brian Wakelin

Tue 28th	4pm-6pm	Messy Church	Games, crafts, smoothies!, talk and a meal.
Thu 30th		Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) 2019 starts	Global prayer movement. <i>Booklets are in the concourse.</i> Additional materials, including videos and family plans at tinyurl.com/tkc19add

JUNE

Sun 9th	7-9pm	Winchester Cathedral TKC Beacon Event	Amy Orr-Ewing speaking. No tickets required. We are not having a 6pm service so that everyone can attend the event.
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