



CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday 26th 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.

"There's an anomaly in your figures..."

I heard these words from someone when they read the weekly attendance that we sent the Diocese a couple of years ago from our youth and children's ministry. How had our numbers grown so much. Had we made a mistake?

Sadly, we had...

But since that day, I've had this idea –

Wouldn't it be exciting for Christ Church to create an anomaly?

Jesus was an anomaly. He deviated from the norm. People said he wasn't like their teachers – he had real authority. He healed on the Sabbath – that didn't happen. He raised the dead. He died and rose again. That's not the norm.

Christians empowered by Christ's Spirit are called to be an anomaly – to stand out from those who don't follow Jesus, to be different from the norm:

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2 (NIV)

We report our figures in October. Can we create an anomaly? We follow Jesus – we follow him in his death and resurrection - the biggest anomaly in history.

How do we do that?

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TODAY

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>	Leaders	Claire Bentham & Sarah Noble
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	Dave Fenton
6pm	Communion	Preacher	Bishop Cranmer (Muhabura diocese)

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

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- We walk humbly with Jesus each day, reading his word, praying to him, living holy lives;
- We come together every week if we can, already 'prayed-up';
- We meet ready to grow and to spur each other on;
- We give and serve wholeheartedly and joyfully to grow Christ's church;
- We ask our friends along. Don't they need to know Jesus? The world needs an anomaly more than ever.

The church nationally is declining. People expect a church to decline during a vacancy. Jesus isn't declining. He's an anomaly. Let's be the same. Join with me in creating an anomaly before October.

- Dave Thornton, Youth, Children and Families' Director

CHURCH NOTICES



Messy Church - on during Half Term

This Tuesday 4-6pm, Main Church

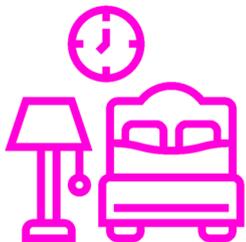
We are having a special Messy Church

Bring something nut-free along for the tea.

PUSH

PUSH: Prayer course & Worship: Weds 7.30 - 9pm

Catch up on the sessions at prayercourse.org/sessions



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



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.**

Book online at: ccwinch.org.uk/prayer and sign the register book when you arrive - thanks.



Thy Kingdom Come 2019 - Starts Saturday (1st)

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.

E-versions: tinyurl.com/novena19 & tinyurl.com/tkcprayer19

COMMUNITY AND WIDER WORLD



Boaz Open Day and Fete

Sat 1st June 1-4pm, Boaz, Hill Farm, Sutton Scotney, SO21 3NT

Fun stalls, live music, crafts, plant sale and more.

Boaz is a horticulturally-based local charity for adults with learning difficulties. Several members of our congregation help with it, and this is an opportunity to see what they do and have some fun. More at www.boazproject.co.uk

Caring About Our Trees

Do you sometimes find yourself looking at beautiful trees and marvelling at 'God's cathedral'?



For Daniel, a flourishing tree illustrates alignment with God's purposes: 'Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant and it was food for all. Under it the beasts of the field found shelter, the birds of the air lived in its branches and all living creatures fed themselves from it'. Daniel 4:6.

What can we do in response? Perhaps plant a tree yourself or support tree-planting schemes.

If you need to fly, try converting your Air Miles to Love Miles which plant new trees around Winchester:

see winacc.org.uk/what-can-i-do/love-miles



Do you moisturise?

Ever thrown away those pump dispensers and thought, "There really ought to be a way to recycle these?"

Well, now you can!

There is a **recycling drop-off up at the Army Barracks Museum** for all beauty product components (jars, plastic wrappers, tops, pumps, etc.) and also for all sweet and savoury biscuit wrappers.

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

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))

NOTE: Most weekly groups and activities are paused for Half Term, except for:-

Tues 28th	4-6pm	Messy Church	Activities, smoothies, craft, talk and cooked meal.
Wed 29th	11am	Midweek Communion	
	7.30-9pm	PUSH: Prayer Course and Worship	Course based on material by Pete Greig (of 24/7 Prayer). Simeon Room.
Thu 30th		Thy Kingdom Come starts	Global prayer movement. <i>Booklets are in the concourse.</i> Additional materials, including videos and family plans at tinyurl.com/tkc19add

***Sunday 2nd June - Celebrating the God who calls us to worship -
Exodus 20:1-8, Romans 12:1-2***

8am	Communion	Preacher	TBC
9.30am	All Age Service <i>(End of Half Term)</i>	Leaders	Emily Bellerby & Dave Thornton
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
6pm	Evening Service	Preacher	Brian Wakelin

JUNE

First week of June - regular groups and activities restart

Mon 3rd	8-9.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting	Main Building
Thu 6th	7.45pm	Men's Pub Night Out	St James Tavern, Romsey Road
Sun 9th	7-9pm	<u>Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event - Winchester Cathedral</u>	Amy Orr-Ewing speaking. No tickets required. We are not having a 6pm service so that everyone can attend the event.
Mon 10th	6-10pm	Westminster Theological Centre Hub Open Night	Open night for those who are interested in seeing what the courses and training on offer are like
Mon 17th	8-9pm	Hush	Stillness and so(u)lace...
Sun 23rd	12.30-2pm	SAGES Church Lunch	Cooked Sunday lunch in the Simeon Room after the 11.15am service