



CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday 9th September 2018



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

Join us for a drink and a chat and say hello at Connection Point in the concourse, or to one of our clergy or service leaders. Feel free to fill in a welcome card (from the concourse or at www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome) and we would be delighted to meet up with you.

It's been a joy over the summer to see such life in our church services. We have also heard stories of God's work from Uganda and the Download Week Away. In amongst the joy, there is also pain and sadness. Hundreds of us shared last Sunday morning about our own troubles as we looked together at 2 Corinthians 1:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

I was humbled by your honesty in writing down very personal troubles. If you were at the 10.30, I hope you have remembered to pray for the person whose trouble you picked up last week – it's part of comforting 'those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God'. We have also spent time on this week's staff retreat praying for you. We talked a lot in our time away about trust. We're all broken vessels, and as we grow in trust, we share more deeply, and Jesus works through us to bring comfort and hope.

As a new school year starts, it's a good time to look at where we receive comfort, as well as where we can give comfort to others. Where are the places we are building trust so that comfort can flow? Church services and prayer ministry can be good, but small groups, Life for Students, youth and children's groups, prayer triplets or even 1-to-1s over coffee may be better. I find that being part of a serving team, co-workers have become good friends! They bring comfort to me, and I hope I can comfort them too. As we serve together, we pray we bring comfort to others.

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TODAY

In God's Strength [2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11](#) (pg. 1159-60)

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Preacher	George Watkinson
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	George Watkinson
6.00 pm	Baptism Service	Preacher	George Watkinson

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Why not see the run-up to Christmas (sorry, first mention of the word...) as a time to think about where in church you're building trust and receiving comfort? If you're not involved in serving at Christ Church, there are needs in our music, audio-visual and youth and children's teams and it's fair to say, there aren't many places where we have too many volunteers! Talk to Connection Point about how you could get involved.

May the God of all comfort be with you.

-Dave Thornton, Children, Youth and Families Director

Calling all Musicians

Tom Foster would love to connect with musicians of all ages and backgrounds interested in serving in the musical worship teams. Please speak to him in person or email the office.

Musical Worship Leaders Meeting - 17th September at 8.30pm, Simeon Room, Christ Church

Sharing news, discussing new songs, reviewing the preaching focus for the next term and an extended time of worship.

SAGES (aka Third Way) PUB LUNCH 28th September 12pm

New start with a new venue—The Forge, Otterbourne. Let us know if you are coming via adrienne@caplins.co.uk or calling 02380 261947.

Update from Rhian Bendall

A big thank you to those who have prayed for me and encouraged me over this past year.

It has been such a privilege to serve alongside many of you. If you aren't yet involved in serving I'd really encourage you to give it a go!

I begin a new role as an Autism Practitioner at a specialist residential school. I will continue to attend Christ Church and look forward to seeing all that God does over the coming months.

Part-time paid work opportunity

We are looking for someone to help out with the Westminster Theological Centre teaching sessions on **Mondays (4pm-10pm)** mainly in term time and on **occasional Saturdays**. The work involves setting up video conferencing facilities and troubleshooting any technical problems during the sessions. There may be some furniture-moving and making and serving of refreshments as well.

Please contact

office@ccwinch.org.uk

Volunteers needed!

6pm AV team still has spaces that need to be filled. Children and Youth Leaders also required please!

RELATIONAL EVANGELISM COURSE AT OASIS



Feel a bit daunted about talking about your faith with people who aren't Christians?

Empowered is a course to equip us to share our faith with others. For more details, see ccwinch.org.uk/women

Starts 17th September at 9.45am and a creche is available.

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Christ Church

Tomorrow 8pm

We are setting tomorrow aside as a special day of prayer and fasting to seek God's guidance for the new vicar appointment and for the future direction of the church and the community.

Sunday 23rd September Harvest & Half Marathon

(One combined morning service)

10am Come and cheer on our marathon runners raising money to build the Winchester Hospice as they run past on St James Lane.

Please sponsor at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/churches-in-winchester>.

We will then have coffee and our **Harvest Service** will start at **10.45am**
Please bring fresh produce to offer during the service, which will be auctioned during the week to raise money for Tearfund.

There will then be an informal light lunch to which everyone is warmly invited.

Brown Bag Collection for Harvest

We are collecting for both the Basics Bank and the Nightshelter. Please take a brown bag and fill with any items from the list. Please bring the bag to the Harvest Service on 23rd September or drop off at the office anytime from next Sunday.

Lunch Club
resumes this
Wednesday at
12pm

For your prayers

Prayer for the week - *God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the*

10th—Pray for the vicar appointment process and for the direction of the church. Pray for the church wardens.

13th—Pray for the new arrangement of Pathfinders and Download on Thursday evenings to provide support and unity.

15th— Wedding of Dan Osborne and Kathryn Greenhalgh

More suggestions for prayer in the Prayer Diary—see ccwinch.org.uk/prayer

THIS WEEK

Monday 10th - Day of Fasting and Prayer— A day for us to concentrate on praying for the new vicar selection process and for the vision and direction of the church. **Church-wide meeting at 8pm** to gather together to pray and worship.

Monday	9.45-11.45am	Oasis	Leaders' meeting 10 th September Oasis restarts 17 th September
	8pm	Church Prayer Meeting	
Tuesday	10-11.30am	Bumps and Babies	
	10-11.30am	Toddlers	
	7.30pm	Prospects	
Wednesday	11am	Mid-week communion	
	12-2pm	Lunch Club	
Thursday	6pm	Pathfinders	
	7pm	Download	
Friday	5.45pm	XPC	

Sunday 16th September

In God's Strength—[2 Corinthians 2:12-3:18](#).

8.00 am	Communion	Preacher	Jess Ross
9.30 am	Service and groups	Preacher	Dave Fenton
11.15am	Communion	Preacher	Sue Collinson
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Preacher	Peter Russell

REST OF SEPTEMBER

Monday 17th - 8pm - Hush - Come up for air and spend time with God

Sunday 23rd - 10am, service at 10.45am - Harvest & Half-Marathon - Celebrate Harvest and cheer on our runners as they raise money for the hospice.

Friday 28th - Noon - SAGES pub lunch - (aka Third Way) - The Forge, Otterbourne

OCTOBER

Sunday 14th - 6pm - Jazz evening with J John to launch the Alpha course

NOVEMBER

Saturday 10th - Worship School Conference - A one day conference for leaders, musicians, creatives and worshippers of all ages. Please save the date - more details to follow.

Monday 17th onwards - Christmas Chalet opens – volunteer now for a 2-hour slot at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2352195/false#/invitation>