



CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER



Sunday 23rd 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.

Update from the Church Wardens

We are excited by all that God is doing amongst us at the moment. There is a gentle air of excitement and expectation which is heartening and humbling in equal measure. Any vacancy period is designed to be a period of preparation for a new incumbent but our sense is that this is a particularly pertinent and poignant time for Christ Church as God prepares, heals and clears the ground for all that He has in store.

The Day of Prayer and Fasting demonstrated as much. Many shared Spirit-inspired words of encouragement and challenge to us - most notably: the need to repent and replace a critical or judgemental heart towards those in leadership, particularly our vicars, with a spirit of grace and submission to their authority and leadership; the importance of cherishing one another; and the need to lay down our preconceptions of who our next vicar will be. It's important that we pay heed to these words and regularly return to them.

We had an encouraging number of applications for the vacancy and a very good meeting with Bishop Tim, Archdeacon Richard and the Simeon Trust last Sunday to shortlist the candidates. We are now preparing for visits and interviews on October 18th and 19th. Please continue to pray for everyone involved - the interviewees and interviewers and that ultimately God's will is done.

As part of our preparation for a new season, we have our Gift Day on October 7th. God continues to provide for us wonderfully through your generous gifts which

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TODAY

In God's Strength—[2 Corinthians 4.1-18 \(pg 1161\)](#)

8.00 am	Communion	Preacher	Richard Turner
Before 10am	St James Lane	Cheer on the Half Marathon Church runners	
10.45am	Joint Harvest Service (with Children's Groups) followed by soup and bread lunch	Preacher	Clare Carson
6.00 pm	Evening Service	Preacher	Andy Smith

All Services and notices are available to hear/see again at <https://www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup>

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we are so thankful for. Through the Gift Day we would like to challenge all of us to step up our giving so that we can not only cover our costs for 2018 but provide our new vicar with the progressive budget for 2019 needed to push on with God's plans for Christ Church and His Kingdom. We will be providing more information next Sunday but as a first step, can we encourage you to pray and ask God to guide you in your response.

Finally, we want to thank our Directors and staff team who are doing a fabulous job during this vacancy period. They marry their talents with great grace, humour, commitment and hard work which we are blessed by and grateful for.

-James and Judith, Church Wardens, Christ Church

NOTICES

Join us for soup and bread after the 10.45am service in the Simeon room



Thanks to all the runners today

(Donations for the hospice can still be made at <https://bit.ly/2MKdDj4>)

We are also working on becoming an Eco Church-acting responsibly for God's creation

For more details please go to:

ccwinch.org.uk/environmental-and-stewardship

SAGES (aka Third Way) PUB LUNCH 28th September 12pm
The Old Forge, Otterbourne

Let us know if you are coming via adrienne@caplins.co.uk or calling 02380 261947

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Tuesday 25th September 10.30am

Pray in fellowship for our brothers and sisters around the world who aren't allowed to follow Jesus in freedom



CONNECTION
POINT

New here? Got any questions?

Come and say hello at the Connection Point in the Concourse.

We would love to say hi and introduce you to the various events we have going on and answer any questions you have

"Topical" men's breakfast group starts

Saturday September 29th 8am

A new group looking at the issues facing us in society and discussing how we can respond in a Christ-like way.

Please contact David Boul on david.boul@ccwinch.org.uk or 01962 868 828

Students

Welcome to Christ Church! We're so pleased you are here.
Do come along to our student events so that we can get to know you.

Life is our Student Night, *Tuesdays* at 7pm here in the church.

Nosh is a free lunch for all students, *Wednesdays* at 12:30pm.

[Find us on social media @christchurchstudents for more info](#)

ALPHA STARTS SOON

Please take home invites for the people you are praying for

Invite them along to

Jazz evening on Sunday 14th 6pm with canapes and a talk from J John.

Alpha course starting on Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm

Lisa Adlem and Sam Stockall invite everyone to their
Wedding service next Saturday (29th) 2pm in the church

Brickworks in South Sudan—27th September 7.15 for 7.45pm

Wesley Church, Fromond Road, SO22 6EG

Come and hear more about its work amongst refugees

—guest speaker is Brian Wakelin

Christmas Chalet- Ho, Ho, Ho!



It's never too early to start preparing for Christmas..
Even if the thought of mince pies and wrapping paper is
too much, too soon, you can still sign up for a slot at the
Christmas Market Chalet.



It's a great opportunity to provide the thousands of visitors to Winchester a space to
consider the Good News of Christmas.

Starts 17th November (sooner than you'd think!)

You can sign up for a 2 hour slot at <https://bit.ly/2Nnqe0M>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer for the week - Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

25th—Messy Church

27th—Annual Meeting of Brickworks Charity working in South Sudan

29th—Wedding of Lisa Adlem and Sam Stockall

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

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

Monday	9.45-11.45am	Oasis (Women)	Empowered: Relational Evangelism
Tuesday	10-11.30am	Bumps and Babies	Perinatal coffee group
	10-11.30am	Toddlers (0-4s)	<i>Farm Animals visiting this week!</i>
	10.30am	Persecuted Church Prayer	Prayer for the persecuted church
	4.00-6.00pm	Messy Church	Craft, games, Bible story & meal
	7.30pm	LIFE (Students)	Students: Bible discussion and cake
Wednesday	11am	Mid-week communion	
	Noon	NOSH (Students)	Free lunch for Students
Thursday	6pm	Pathfinders (sch yr 7-9)	Games, Talk & Supper. £2 entry
	7pm	Download (sch yr 10-13)	Games, Talk & Supper. £2 entry
Friday	Noon	SAGES Pub Lunch	At The Old Forge, Otterbourne
	5.45pm	XPC (school yrs 5-6)	Games, Talk, Tuck Shop. 50p entry

Sunday 30th September

In God's Strength—[2 Corinthians 4.16-5.8 \(pg 1161\)](#)

8.00 am	Communion	Preacher	George Watkinson
9.30am	Family Service	Preacher	Mike Carson
11.15am	Standard Service	Preacher	J Megoran
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Preacher	George Watkinson

Sunday 30th - 4.30pm - Newcomers' Tea - Tea, cake and a chance to get know us

OCTOBER

Sunday 14th - 6pm - [Jazz evening with J John](#) to launch the Alpha course

Wednesday 17th - 7.30pm - [Alpha Course](#) starts

NOVEMBER

Saturday 10th - Worship School Conference - A one day conference for leaders, musicians, creatives and worshippers of all ages.

Fri 16th—Sun 18th—[Pathfinders weekend away](#)—Westbrook, Isle of Wight

Monday 17th onwards - Christmas Chalet opens - volunteer now at <https://bit.ly/2Nnqe0M> and pray that people have time to consider the Christmas message

DECEMBER

Sunday 16th - Carol Service at 6pm - Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 23rd 10am - Reflective service - instead of 9.30am and 11.15am services

Monday 24th 4pm - Messy Nativity - fun, food and festive celebrations

Monday 25th 10am - Christmas Morning Service (no 8am, 11.15am or 6pm)

Sunday 30th 10am - Joint Morning Service (no 9.30am or 11.15am)