

# Christ Church C of E

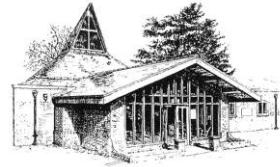
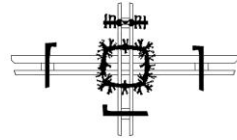
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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012

### Welcome to Christ Church

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone.

#### Services today

9.30 am Holy Communion

*2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9*

*Refreshments - the service will be followed by refreshments – please do stay and share some fellowship together.*

*For those with children - Flames (Sunday School) meets together in the Headgate Room every Sunday during term time. All primary age children are very welcome and those who are younger too, if accompanied by an adult. Please do ask the door stewards for directions.*

*Hearing loop – there is a hearing loop in the building. If you use a hearing aid please set it to “4”.*

7.00 pm Everything you need to know to impact the world

#### Services this week

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

8.30 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

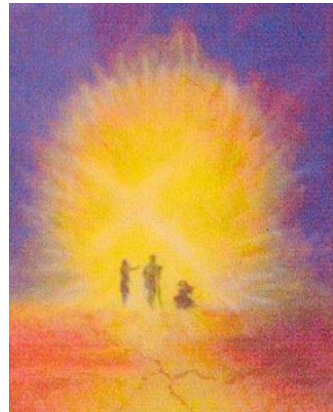
10.00 am Holy Communion with Ashing

8.00 pm Ash Wednesday service

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

8.30 am Morning Prayer

*All these services take place in St Mary's Chapel*



#### Christ Church Anglican Congregation Vision Statement

*“Through our worship, mission, nurture and service we want to enable all people to enter into a living relationship with Jesus Christ”*

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00 am Coffee +

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

8.30 am Morning Prayer in St Mary's Chapel

10.00 am Time Together on Tuesday

*A time for pre-school children and their parents and carers – NB all children must be accompanied by an adult*

3.30 pm TnT after school club

*For children and their parents and carers to have fun exploring the Christian faith – NB all children must be accompanied by an adult*

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10.00 am Holy Communion in St Mary's Chapel with Ashing

8.00 pm Ash Wednesday service

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8.30 am Morning Prayer in St Mary's Chapel

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

6.00 pm Crusaders

*Games, Bible stories, crafts, fun and friends for children aged 5-11 years*

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Prayer for Healing

*An opportunity to come and be prayed for or to have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee*

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.00 pm Everything you need to know to impact the world

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### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE.**

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 10.15am at St. Peter's Church, North Hill. This year's service has been arranged by the Christian women of Malaysia and is entitled 'Let Justice Prevail'. Speaker Major Margaret House, S.A. followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome – men, women and children.

### **WATERAID LENT APPEAL**

From 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and for the remaining Sundays in Lent there will be the opportunity for people having refreshments on Sunday mornings to make a donation to the WaterAid Lent Appeal. Jam jars for change and Gift Aid envelopes will be on the counter.

**Greeting:**

The Lord of Glory be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. (*Psalms 50.1*)

*Brief silence as we prepare to worship*

**Prayer:**

**God our Father, we have gathered here to celebrate your love for us. Help us to worship you with all our hearts, to seek your will with all our minds, to long for you with all our souls, and to follow you with all our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Hymn:** Christ, who glory fills the skies

*Please stand*

*Time together with Flames*

*Please sit*

**We say sorry to God:**

'A cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the beloved: listen to him!" (*Mark 9.7*)

God, make us aware, sensitive, ready to be changed, ready for complete commitment to the shocking Christ who shook a nation's faith, took death by surprise and still comes to give new meanings to old truths.

Forgive our rigidity and our fixed ideas, our meagre sense of right and wrong, our feeble grasp of joy and sorrow. Forgive the paltriness of our convictions, so right, and yet so narrow and divisive. Give us long, whole, simple vision, that can bear the shame of the cross for the sake of the future.....

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Remaining seated with sing:* Blest are the pure in heart

**Rule in our hearts, Lord Christ, living Word of God. Give meaning to our joy and sorrow, our happiness and sadness, our success and failure; put your Spirit in our hands to work new miracles of love and truth, for the sake of all humankind, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Old Testament reading:** 2 Kings 2.1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection:** Stay here

**Song:** Jesus, be the centre

*Please stand*

**The Gospel:**

*Remain standing*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 9. 2-9

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Reflection:** Mountaintop experience *Please sit*

**Collect:**

**Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: gives us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Songs of response:** I will change your name; Jesus, you are changing me;  
Reign in me; *Please stand*

**Our belief** (*from Titus 2 & 3*):

*Remain standing*

Let us confess our faith in one God, whose grace has dawned upon the world:

**We believe in God the Father, who has revealed his loving kindness to us, and in his mercy saved us – not for any good deed of our own, but because he is merciful.**

**We believe in God the Son, who sacrificed himself for us to free us from our sin, and make us his own people, holy, and eager to do good.**

**We believe in one Holy Spirit, whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our saviour; so that justified by his grace we might become heirs of eternal life. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

*Please sit*

**The peace:**

*Please stand*

Let the Lord touch you and transform you. Let the Lord surround you with peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

*We exchange a sign of peace.*

**Offertory Hymn:** I come with joy to meet my Lord

**The communion:**

*Remain standing*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you have made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared your life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed.....do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper.....do in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

*Please sit*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread:**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*As Eucharist Assistants and Prayer Ministers receive, we sing:*

In my life, Lord, be glorified

**We share bread and wine together:**

*During the sharing of communion there will be an opportunity for prayer for healing. If you would like prayer or a simple blessing then please move to the 'prayer place' to the left of the dais where someone will come to you.*

**Post Communion Prayer:**

**Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Notices*

**Hymn:** To God be the glory

*Please stand*

**The Blessing:**

The Lord open your eyes to his presence, surround you with His great love, fill your days with his glory; and the blessing..... **Amen.**

**The Dismissal:**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God**



## 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012

*A country stroll around Wormingford area with pub lunch*

*This is a gentle walk for all ages and stages in life. For those who wish to join us for lunch we look forward to meeting you at the pub.*

*Please sign up in the church foyer or contact John Sams 01206 530586 or john@sams.me.uk for further information*

**Be together – be fit – be fed**

Colchester Christ Church 

# Friends and Family QU?Z

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm**

Cost £5 adults, £3 children

*Hot supper included, bring your own drinks*

*Team should have a maximum of 4 adults per team, plus children*

For tickets contact:  
Paul Wakefield (503222) or  
John Sams (530586)

## "It changed my life" (Yr.9 girl)


Find out how a new era in schools work is transforming the lives of young people and having an impact on schools. The CYO Open Evening, 8pm-10pm Monday 20 February 2012. Kingsland Church, 86 London Road, Lexden CO3 9DW (Above Aldi). More info from 01206 863835 [mail@cyocolchester.org.uk](mailto:mail@cyocolchester.org.uk)



## Good Friday

Churches Together for West Colchester are responsible for organising this year's service at the Mercury Theatre. If you would like to take part in the orchestra or singing please contact Liz Bird (843383) or [liz.littlecotes@btopenworld.com](mailto:liz.littlecotes@btopenworld.com)

## Street Pastors

Street Pastors are bringing God's love and care to thousands of people in Colchester every year. To help you find out more about this amazing ministry, including ways of getting involved through prayer or training to be a Street Pastor, come to an introductory evening Botolph's Church Hall on Frida February from 8pm.  [colchester@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:colchester@streetpastors.org.uk)



# Handing on the Torch

**Sacred words for a secular world**

**A course in five sessions for Lent**

Groups will run on Tuesday evenings starting 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday morning from 29<sup>th</sup> February.

During Holy week, groups will be invited to a time of reflection on the study.

*Please sign up in the foyer, contact Revd Paul Norrington for further details (tel 563478)*

# PRAYER

## *The World*

- Somalia where thousands of internally displaced Somalis have been forced to flee again to avoid heavy fighting in the Afgoye corridor
- Egypt
- Honduras where 355 people died in Tuesday's prison fire
- Eastern Australia where thousands have been cut off or evacuated because of severe flooding.
- Those affected by the severe cold weather across Europe which has led to many deaths
- Syria
- Nigeria
- Afghanistan where more than 2.5 million people face hunger in drought-stricken areas.
- East Africa – where over 13 million people are affected by the severe drought and lack of basic food, water and medical supplies.
- Malawi, Mozambique, Pakistan, Fiji, Thailand, Vietnam, Central America and Cambodia affected severely with flooding and landslides leading to deaths, disease and malnutrition
- All those who face lack of clean water, starvation and homelessness.
- The many troubled areas of the world including Afghanistan, Egypt, Haiti, Japan, Libya, Yemen, Sudan, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Malawi, North and South Korea, Southern Africa, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Iraq, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Palestine, and Israel.
- Those whose lives are surrounded with war and violence.
- The European economic situation.

## *National and Local*

- Our Queen and those who govern our lands.
- Those deployed in Afghanistan and around the world.
- Those with employment and financial concerns.
- The family of Revd John Suddards who was murdered last week. Revd Suddards was Team Rector in Witham up until last June when he moved to Thornbury near Bristol.

## *Our own pastoral needs*

- Remember all those who are housebound.
- All those who mourn.
- Those undergoing hospital tests, recovering from surgery or who are unwell.

*If you have prayer requests, please do remember the prayer book available in the foyer to write such requests.*



*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*  
1 Peter 5:7