

LIFE @ CHRIST CHURCH

Welcome to this late summer edition of Life at Christ Church.

Perhaps like me you have been pondering on the thought that many things are the 'same but different' as we emerge from the Covid pandemic. At the most significant level of our everyday existence, many of the restrictions that have shaped our lives have been lifted yet it seems much has stayed the same. We are celebrating 'a new hope' with the vaccine roll out yet still mourning the loss of many people and lost opportunities with families and friends. We are still being cautious. Many people are still wearing a face mask; mandatory in some places yet optional in others. Social distancing is still very obvious with folk taking the long route on the footpath or in the supermarket but like many I have enjoyed a hug or two. And perhaps we are not quite ready for night clubbing just yet?

For the Christ Church community the possibility of 'a new hope' remains yet even here we are acknowledging that as we return to worship and planning for the autumn, things might seem the same, yet are very different. We still feel the power of restriction which I sense encourages us to reflect on those things of importance to us. It has been a joy to be active as a community again and rekindle our relationships and more. Yet there is a difference, like many in our families and communities I believe we have learnt so much more about ourselves, an inevitable result, gift even as we have individually or corporately shared in the consequences of the pandemic. As your local church I hope we have emerged stronger in the way we understand the importance of the rootedness of our faith in God and love for the community we serve. This we hope and pray will be a gift to all in the streets, homes, businesses and support places in our parish and beyond.

For me I continue to ponder on what is the same but actually different. Yet I also know that God is unchanging in his care, love and offer of life to all who are drawn to him. The bible shares this great wonder from Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Perhaps in times of great change we need the sameness of this promise of God. "I am with you always!"

There is much on offer at Christ Church as we begin a new term; see the inner leaf. Please do come and make new friends, renew old friendships, discover a listening ear and a desire to journey with you as we continue to travel these difficult yet hope filled days together. I look forward to catching up with you soon and with all good wishes.


Revd Canon Paul Norrington—Rector

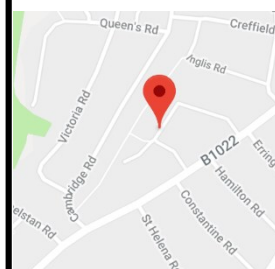


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Breakfast Café

Thursdays from 9am to 11.30 ish.
Starting after our summer break on 9th
September 2021

A café for all ages held in the main
church space, a safe space for little
ones to play, adults young and old to
meet over cake, breakfast quiche, tea
coffee and other goodies.

Pop in for a short time or stay longer.
All ages welcome.

**BREAKFAST
CAFÉ**

Join us on the 3rd Sunday of the month for "Cafe
Church". Coffee and doughnuts from 9:30am,
service from 9:45am. Suitable for all ages



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Colchester**

Usual Sunday Service Pattern

8:00 am	Holy Communion (1 st)
9:30 am	Morning Worship (1 st and 5 th)
	Holy Communion (2 nd and 4 th)
	Café Church (3 rd)
6:30 pm	Holy Communion (3 rd)

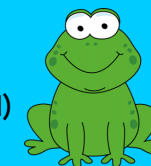
Mid-week Services

10:00 am	Holy Communion (Wednesday)
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**From September we hope to be back to the pre-covid
service pattern and booking is no longer required.



FrOG Club
(Friends Of God)



Tuesdays after school till 4.30. Starting
again after the summer break on 7th
September 2021.

An after school club for primary school
age children. Parents and Carers stay in
the building with the children where pre
school children are welcome (toys
provided).

Activities include Craft, Stories, Videos,
Lego and Games.

There are refreshments during the
afternoon for children and adults.

FrOG has a relaxed atmosphere for
children and adults to enjoy.



Meets every Tuesday morning in term time from
10am to 12 noon, starting on 7th September 2021.

Our aim is to provide a welcoming environment for little ones (0-4yr) to play and
for parents, grandparents and carers to chat and relax over a cup of coffee.

We close our morning together with a Bible story + some nursery rhymes +
Christian songs and celebrate any family occasions e.g. birthdays.

Please feel free to drop in for a short visit or stay for the morning.

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