

CHRIST CHURCH HIGHBURY

April 2 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to Christ Church

If you are new to Christ Church or need to tell us of any change of address, please fill in a white card from the pew chair pockets and hand it in at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Room, where coffee is served after the 11am service.

9.00am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Liz Clutterbuck

Preacher: Tania Witter

Reading: John 19.38-42

11.00am HOLY COMMUNION

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**If you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic wine, please bring this noticesheet with you to the altar-rail*

6.30pm EVENING PRAYER

Leader: Tania Witter



PLEASE PRAY FOR – Eva Newnham, Christopher, Catherine and Clifford Browne, Gary Toye, Pat Woodward, her mother and family, The family of Amy Downing, Oliver Evans, Tony, George Ort, *(Names of people to be prayed for appear for four weeks)*

and also our five Mission Links – Cambodia Action, Church Mission Society in the Middle East, Church Army (UK), Potential Edge (Uganda), and the Delhi Bible Institute.

Prayer Ministry: Members of the team will be in the Prayer Corner after the 11am service to pray with anyone who would value this.

MORNING PRAYER –Monday 9am (except Bank Holidays), Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 10.30am, Thursday 9am.

VISITS - if you would like a visit from one of the visiting team, call the office on 7354 0741.

VESTRY HOUR – Mondays, 5.30-6.30pm, in the Vicarage Basement. Please come to Vestry Hour if you would like to talk to one of the clergy. No appointment required.

You are welcome to take this noticesheet away with you

CHRIST CHURCH news

THANKYOU: A huge thankyou to all who were involved in the surprise birthday party for Jonathan last Sunday, it is safe to say he was very surprised! And last but not least, a huge thank you, to Mary Cook for the beautiful water colour of Highbury Fields.

HOLY WEEK EVENING PRAYERS: We will be holding Evening Prayers from 5.00pm on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th. Please come and join us as we journey through Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: our service on Maundy Thursday, **13th April, will be at 7.30pm** and involves a meal so it would be a great help if you would sign up in advance. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk or you can contact the Church Office.

GOOD FRIDAY: There will be a Good Friday Procession from the Angel Centre at 12.00pm and Meditation around the Cross from 1-3pm here at Christ Church.

HELP WITH LANGUAGES: Do you have a language other than English? Help on Your Doorstep needs occasional help in talking to non-English speakers' both on the doorstep and in the office. Would you be willing to give HOYD your phone number for them to contact you in case of difficulty in understanding? You might be asked to speak to the client, but they would never be given your number. If you have a foreign language and would be willing to do this, please let me know (Turkish especially useful). Please call on 0207 226 6908, 07717221819 or email tania.witter@btinternet.com.

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Thanks so much to everyone who came along to the public consultation meeting a week or so ago. We had an excellent turnout of around 50 people including representations of key local residents' groups. 33 people filled in feedback forms and 31 were in favour of the proposed community centre (2 were not sure). We wanted to let you know that the PCC has now approved us applying to the council for planning permission and looking at how the current interior might be remodelled (a suggestion from the congregation). Thanks so much for your support in getting us to this point. We will keep you posted but do ask any of us if you have any questions in the meantime. Thanks Rosie

BOOKING NOW OPEN: Christ Church Highbury **Parish Weekend Away 2017 14-16 July 2017** at High Leigh Conference Centre. The theme is 'Going Deeper'. The weekend is a great opportunity to get to know each other, have some fun and explore your faith. Please pick up a brochure and booking form or download from www.christchurchhighbury.com/parishweekendaway. Completed booking forms can be dropped in the box at the Welcome Desk or returned to Becky Osborn beckyandguy@blueyonder.co.uk. Please contact Anna Dixon d1xonanna@yahoo.co.uk or Liz Clutterbuck if you have any questions about the weekend.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Our annual APCM will be held on 23rd April 2017 during the 11am service. Please can you check Christ Church's electoral roll in the Fellowship Room to ensure that you are on the roll. To vote at the APCM or serve on the PCC you must be on the roll. If not, application forms are on the Welcome Desk. Please return to Jules in the Office or to Ann Wilsdon the Electoral Roll Officer by Friday 7th April 2017.

HOW TO GIVE - Giving from the congregation is our major source of income - over 70% of the total - and vital to the mission of the church. Thank you to all those who continue to give so generously. If you would like to discuss further please talk to the clergy or Evelyn Thomas, the Giving secretary. Leaflets explaining the giving process are available on the welcome desk or go to www.christchurchhighbury.com/involvement/financial-giving

MORE NEWS...

STEPNEY ADULT LEARNING: The latest in our short courses '*the History of Christianity*', begins on Thursday 27 April for 6 weeks. It will take place between 7.30pm and 9.30pm at the Stepney Training Centre at St Anne's.

Ranging from the origins of Christianity in Rome and Jerusalem right through the Reformation period and into the rise of new forms of Church in the current era, this series has something for everyone who is interested in the history of our faith and religious belief

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER: Westminster Abbey, Saturday 8 April 2017. A day of quiet reflection, entitled, *Cleave the wood and there I am*, carvings and music, led by Canon Christopher Lewis. Participants in the day of prayer will have free access to the Abbey and to the Shrine of Edward the Confessor and St Faith's Chapel all day. Full details on the flyers on the welcome desk, or talk to Tania.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY CLUB: There will be a Good Friday Holiday Club at St Augustine's Church on Friday, 14th April for primary school-aged children. It will run from 9.30 – 11.30am and will include games, music, crafts and fun as we discover the real meaning of Easter. Free – for more information please email us at info@staugustine.org.uk or phone 020 7354 5515.

A VERY ADVANCE NOTICE: A week-long pilgrimage trip in eastern Turkey, '*Following in the footsteps of St Paul*', is planned for 29 April to 6 May 2018. If you think you might be interested, please keep this week free. Full details and booking forms will be available in September this year. Tania Witter

ISLINGTON CENTRE FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS – Is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year. Fundraising has been successful and since the beginning of March the Centre has been able to open for 3 days a week in term time. Since September the Centre has enjoyed the benefit of free space to rehearse at Christ Church. In addition to the teaching of English, advice, support and practical help is given to students. The Centre welcomes the generous donations by the congregation. Tea, coffee, lunch are provided and food supplies are distributed. Non-perishable food such as instant coffee, tea bags, milk (UHT), sugar, rice, pasta, sauces, tinned meat and vegetables, cereals, tins of tuna, tomatoes, beans, cooking oil and toiletries can be brought in to Christ Church on Sundays (clearly marked for the Centre) and either left on the table to the right of the kitchen hatch, or handed to me. All contributions very welcome. www.islingtoncentre.co.uk. Facebook and Twitter (Follow @IslingtonCentre) - Thank you, Christine O'Brien.

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH...

April 9th 2017	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion
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Notices for this sheet should reach the Church Office by 12 noon on Thursday. Thank you

TIME TO PRAY AND READ ...

**Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MONDAY, April 3	Psalm 73	Hebrews 11:17-31
* For school staff and children on holiday		
* For those working in commerce and industry		
TUESDAY, April 4	Psalm 35	Hebrews 11:32-12:2
* For all who feel trapped by their circumstances		
* For those serving through leadership		
WEDNESDAY, April 5	Psalm 55	Hebrews 12:3-13
* For disconnected family and friends		
* For those looking for forgiveness		
THURSDAY, April 6	Psalm 40	Hebrews 12:14-end
* For Christians in countries where they are persecuted		
* For those misled by the false gods of this present age		
FRIDAY, April 7	Psalm 22	Hebrews 13:1-16
* For our local prisons		
* For all who are hungry		
SATURDAY, April 8	Psalm 23	Hebrews 13:17-end
* For the CARIS Shelter Service that takes place this evening		
* For those who are close to death		
SUNDAY, April 9	Psalm 61	Matthew 26
* For us all as we come together to worship today		
* For the leaders of the nations		

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