

Christchurch—Mini Directory

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Welcome to Christchurch Clevedon

If this is your first time with us, or if you are visiting us today, then a very special welcome to you. We hope you have a great time with us. If you would like to find out more about Christchurch then please talk to one of our welcome team.

22nd October

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion
Called as Companions in Ministry ~ Acts 18: 1-11 and 18-28
Jess McManus and Clive Jennings

6.30pm CTIC joint service at Clevedon School

Don't forget...

No toddlers or table tennis club this week

Parents and Carers

Please remember that, once the service ends, the doors are open, and it doesn't take long for a child to get onto a busy road from here.

If you do need a helping hand with the children, so that you can have a coffee, please ask.

Christchurch is a member of the United Benefice of Clevedon of the Church of England
And the Gordano Valley Circuit of the Methodist Church

Our Church bell recordings are provided by St Michael's Church at Angersleigh, Somerset

What's on next

Tuesday 24th October

2pm Something to Do

Wednesday 25th October

9am Shorter Morning Worship

Sunday 29th October

10.30am Morning Worship with children's groups as normal

Headspace

There will be no Headspace this evening but will be back on
26th November at 7.30pm

Headspace is a time of contemplative prayer, where we focus on a short Bible passage.
It is a time to encounter God, in quiet and peacefulness. The whole thing is normally
between 30 and 40 minutes.

Make a note of the date and please bring a Bible and pen.
Sunday 26th November at 7.30pm

Apologies for any non-aligned boxes this week—got my L plates on.

You'll find the prayer sheet as the double spread in the middle of the
newsheet.

Refresh women's ministry @ Christchurch
Gathering

Watch this space for more details—coming soon

What's on...

FARE SHARE BANQUET

Friday 3rd November

Christchurch

Doors open 6.30pm with dinner being served at 7.30pm

Two local charities, Fareshare and Re:Mission, are holding a banquet to raise funds for their respective services. Fareshare provides food for the homeless at their centre in Bristol whilst Re:Mission currently provides a home for recovering addicts in Clevedon. The banquet will use food that would have ended up in landfill sites simply because it is surplus to needs. All the food used is perfectly fit for use in catering, and it is through the two charities that it can be put to good use.

Cost: 20 pounds per person to include a wide variety of food choices; music from a top string quartet and there will be an opportunity to purchase useful items as sold in Changing Lives shops and take advantage of interesting auction lots.

Space is limited so hurry and order your tickets for an interesting and entertaining evening from Jeff Peacock 07540497796 or Terry Game 878049

Church family....many hands make light work!

Please note that all cleaning equipment is in the cleaning cupboard.
Please make sure that if you notice something running out or you are the last one to use it and it runs out please could you get a new one from the cleaning cupboard. Loo rolls and paper towels are also in the cupboard.
No need to ask. The code for the cupboard is on the door. Please make sure the door is closed afterwards.

CTiC United Service Sunday, tonight 22nd October
at **Clevedon School (not CBC as previously advised)** 6.30 pm
Please come along and support the Church as they present the vision for
HOPE 2018.

News

Church Transport

Each Sunday a willing group of drivers bring to church many of our older members, who would otherwise not be able to attend. I am very grateful to those who help in this way, many of whom also have other commitments at church. It is sometimes quite difficult to juggle available drivers with lifts needed so I am keen to expand the number of drivers who can be called upon. If you have spare seats in your car and would be willing to help with lifts either regularly one Sunday a month or occasionally please contact me. Thank you.

Gill Robinson Transport coordinator 01275 877657 /

Reformation 500

Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation 1517—2017
Thursday 2nd November

A talk by **Bishop Declan Lang**
(Bishop of Clifton Catholic Diocese)

With light refreshments at 7pm, followed by a talk and reflection about Reformation 500. At 8.30pm, a brief AGM for Churches Together in Greater Bristol / Together4Bristol, updating on the exciting things happening across the Bristol region.

In the Apostle Room, Clifton Catholic Cathedral, (St Peter and Paul)
Clifton Park, Bristol, BS8 3GX

CLEVEDON CARE are desperately short of drivers for both local and longer journeys. Passengers pay a small sum which should cover your fuel and some running costs. If you could spare a few hours a week to help those who need to get to hospital or doctors appointments, please phone our Drivers' Co-ordinator, Roger Davidson, on 877591 or speak to Sonia, David, Izzy or Tony in church who already drive for them or Gay who works in the office, to find out

Information.....

Football Team update:

Chat to Mike Pope or David Clark to catch up on what has been going on with the football team recently

Next game is this coming Saturday 28th October at home to Abbeymead Rovers Blacks

Kick off is at 10.30am at Clevedon School. Please pray for the team and its another great opportunity to come along and support them if you can.

Thanks all from Graham Harris

I raised 1256 pounds with your generous sponsorship for the Army Benevolent Fund.

It was gruelling, painful and emotional.

A truly amazing experience shared with some, now, great friends.

A Pilgrimage to Israel

Rev Rod Ingrouille is intending to lead a Pilgrimage to Israel next April. Please contact Rod on 01934 204561 or by email at

There are Christchurch Electoral Roll Membership forms by the offering bowls. If you are new to Christchurch, or have been coming along for some time and not got round to completing one, please do take a form and consider your commitment to our community at Christchurch

Do you need some help with reading the bible?

If so, talk to Gay Maxwell (875316) who has a great selection of Bible Reading notes. She would be delighted to show you some so that you can get a taste

**Prayer at the centre of all we are and do
22nd October 2017**

Churches Together in Clevedon (CTiC)

CTiC exists to support local churches to work together and develop healthy relationships with each other.

Each week we are encouraged to pray for one of the churches in the town or one of the other associates of CTiC.

This week we join in praying for St Peter's Church and for Trevor Cranshaw, Vicar, the wardens and PCC as they seek to maintain and develop the worshipping life of the church.

We give thanks for the Alpha course that finished last Monday. We pray for each of the guests as they continue their journey with Jesus and go deeper in faith. May they find others walking with them to encourage and support. We give thanks for all the conversations, all the experiences of the working of the Holy Spirit and the openness of the guests to hear God's voice. We pray for the team as they meet on 30th October to review this course and in particular the shortened format and to consider the future. Give thanks for the dedication of everyone to God and each other.

We pray for the opportunity to bring TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) coaching to St Nick's beginning the week of 30th October.

Please pray for the coaches—Kate, Pete, Will, Bethan, Geraldine, Joy, Stacey, Bev and Carolyn. As they meet each child they will be coaching and begin to create a safe and fun space for the child to visit each week may there be a real sense of the presence of God. We pray, knowing that He has gone before to prepare the place and the people. We pray, trusting in His abundant love and faithfulness.

We pray for all those being prepared for Baptism in November. As each one comes to this point may they be confident in being Baptised and may all the congregation be ready to encourage and empower those who He is calling.

Please contact Jean with requests for prayer
jean_balcombe@sky.com or 269741

We continue to pray for Wendy Robinson's brother, Neil, who is making good progress after his heart surgery and we pray for a full recovery. We also pray for his daughter, Lucy, and decisions being made about her son, Connor's schooling. Give wisdom and clarity, we pray.

We pray for all those of our church family who are unwell, in hospital, having tests, waiting for results, having treatment, waiting for treatment. When our health and well being are challenged it can have a significant impact on our lives, and we can find ourselves struggling with fairly ordinary daily activities. Lord, we bring all those who feel that life is tough at the moment. Give them an extra measure of your presence and certainty in your steadfast love, grace and mercy.

When those close to us are suffering in some way it can be especially difficult to watch and wait. Give us the insight to care well, without fussing over much nor passing off too lightly.

During this week the schools will be closed for the half term holiday. Lord, we pray for happy times and time to be relaxed and refreshed from the school routine. This we pray for students, teachers, support staff, parents and all involved in the workings of the school community.

We pray for those for whom school is a place where there is a safe framework and clear boundaries and for whom the holiday times are very challenging.

We pray for that all who should receive the Foodbank's holiday lunchbags will have them to ease the family budget.

O God, Early in the morning I cry unto you.

Help me to pray . And to think only of you.

I cannot pray alone.

In me there is darkness but with you there is light.

I am lonely but you do not leave me.

I am feeble in heart but you do not leave me.

I am restless but with you there is peace.

In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience.

Your ways are past understanding, but you know the way for me.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)