

Christ Church Beckenham Bulletin



Welcome to Christ Church..

Christ Church is part of Churches Together in Beckenham. We welcome all who are visitors and newcomers to our church. In this bulletin you can find all you need to know about what is happening this week and what else is going on at Christ Church. If you are new to the church, please pick up a copy of our Welcome Booklet from the back of the church.

Services Today

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

'The Riches of His Grace'
Ephesians 2:1-9
(page 1174 in church bibles)
Luke Bacon

10:30am

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6:30pm

EVENING PRAISE

'I will build my Church -
The Prayerful Church'
Acts 4:23-31
John Anscombe

(Refreshments are served after
our 10:30am and 6:30pm
services, please come and join
us)

What you need to know:

- » **Please sign up** to help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for our Open Church for Harvest - see *inside for details*.
- » **Men's Breakfast** is next Saturday, 22nd September.



Dates for your diary:

- **Emergency First Aid for Children** - Saturday 6th October
- **Mission Support Weekend** - 12-14th October
- **The Sunday Conversation** - 21st October, Linbert Spencer
- **Men's Breakfast** - 24th November, Luke Bacon

Please support Hannah and Jacob Kunert who will be running a Tough Mudder Half in support of Diabetes UK on 22nd September
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/diabetesuk-kunerts>

Prayer for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Harvest Celebrations - church open with displays and refreshments

Don't forget to **sign up if you can help** serve refreshments (for Macmillan Cancer Support) and welcome guests on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday** afternoons, 28th/29th/30th September or to make cakes - lists at the back of church. Full info from Cordelia or Vivienne. Please invite friends and neighbours to come along and see the Harvest Displays. 2.30-5.00pm on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or to our services 10.30am and 6.30pm on the Sunday. If you have a "creative item" to add to the displays, please see Cordelia or Vivienne.

Christingle Preparation

Sorry to mention Christmas already, but we would be grateful if you could consider taking on the small role of co-ordinating our Christingles this year, please?

It's not an onerous task, and full information can be passed on - please have a think over the next couple of weeks, and talk to Gail or Vivienne if you can help. Many thanks.

Carers Together - Thank you to all those who attended the first planning meeting. Your support was very encouraging. It was agreed that the first meeting of Carers Together would be postponed to **Wednesday 24th October at 2.00pm** in the Church (this is so that everyone can attend the funeral of Andy West). There will be a further **planning meeting on Wednesday 19th September** at 2.00pm for anyone who would like to help Rosemary Kenny organises this group. Please feel free to come along.

Children's and Youth Activities today:

• **Children @ 10.30am** come into church for a time of worship then leave for Sunday School in the halls:

- *Climbers: 3 year old - School Year 2; Explorers: Y3 - 6;*

Pathfinders: Y7- 9; Sunday Line: Y10-11.

- There is a crèche for under 3s available in the choir vestry when children leave for Sunday School.

• *Parents are responsible for their children as soon as Sunday School has finished. Please collect at 11.45am, before coffee. Children should not be left in the Halls unattended.*



Youth Fellowship (Y10+) The Junction meet in the Halls from 6.15pm to 8.15pm.

Footprints of Blessings – walking on Saturday 29th September to bring God's blessing and favour across the Borough of Bromley. Organised by Transform Bromley Borough, join the walk from central Bromley to Crystal Palace. Meeting at 9.30am in Queens Gardens, Bromley for prayer and leaving at 10am. Praying at various locations and churches across the borough and arriving at Crystal Palace Park at 1.00pm for prayer and worship. Bring your own lunch. For more information contact lissette@jubileechurch.co.uk

Prayer for persecuted Christians. The next meeting is on Monday 24th September at 8.00pm.

Jack Abbott thanks church family for the visits to the PRUH and his home, and all the messages, which are much appreciated.

What's on at Christ Church Beckenham...

Tuesday 18	7.15am	Prayer Breakfast in the Lounge, all welcome
	10.00am	Meeting Point (women's Bible study) in the Lounge - all welcome
	2.30pm	Open Doors Speaker Meeting: Jonathan Lancaster 'Converging Divergence: need amid global change in Indonesia and elsewhere'
	6.00pm	Beaver Colony and Cub Pack meet
	7.30pm	Track Group for years 10 to 11, ends 8.45pm
Wednesday 19	10.30am	Baby & Toddlers in all halls
	2.00pm	Carers Together Planning Meeting in church - <i>see notice</i>
	7.30pm	Track Group for year 12+, ends 8.45pm
Thursday 20	2.00pm	Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter, Lounge. All welcome.
Friday 21	8.15pm	Christ Church Singers
	9.40pm	Street Pastors in the High Street until 2am
Saturday 22	8.30am	Men's Breakfast. Doors open 8.15am, finishes 9.30am. Mike Bowman will be talking about how his faith inspires art. Please email office@ccb.org.uk if you will be attending.
	9.15am	Prayer for Christ Church. We meet in the Lea Wilson Room for an hour. Do join us if you can.
	10.00am	Church open from 10am to 12noon
Sunday 23	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION: Rob Hinton 'Ephesians - God's New Building' Ephesians 2:10-22
	9.30am	Girls' Choir practice in the Lea Wilson Room
	9.50pm	Building to Bless Prayer Group - in the choir vestry/crèche room
	10.30am	MORNING PRAISE: Rob Hinton 'Ephesians - God's New Building' Ephesians 2:10-22
	4.30pm	AFTERNOON PRAISE: Rob Hinton 'I will build my Church - The household Church' 1 Timothy 3:15
Coffee rota:	<i>16th September:</i>	<i>Gale HG (am); Bates HG (pm)</i>
	<i>23rd September:</i>	<i>Meeting Point (am); Burton HG (pm)</i>

Please pray for all items in this bulletin and for:

- The friends and family of **Andy W**, who died on 29th July. Andy had been at Christ Church for over 40 years and we are so grateful for the many ministries that he supported over the years. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday 26th September, 12.30pm, Beckenham Crematorium, followed by a service at CCB at 2.00pm, with refreshments in the Main Hall afterwards.
- **Claire B** who is out of hospital this week. Please continue to pray for a steady and on-going recovery from the pneumonia.
- **Bert S** (Carol Cook's father) who is recovering at his care home following a major stroke.
- Those who usually cannot get to church - Audrey Anderson, Elizabeth Birch, Barbara Brand, Audrey Carter, Gaius and Nest Davies, Joe Gilbert, Margaret and Pamela Krombach, Peggy McGill, Jean Mills, Michael and Heidi Sanderson, Allen Stoffel, Annette Styles, Elizabeth Swaffield, Celia Tickner, David Vevers, Rhoda Weddall.

Persecuted Christians in Nigeria - a country with a population of 192m, of whom 89m are Christians. The current president is President Muhammadu Buhari. The main religions are Islam and Christianity. Nigeria is 14th on the list of the most dangerous places to be a Christian. Hostility towards Christians, especially in the 12 northern Sharia states, is spread by radical Islamic teaching and practice. Believers in the north experience discrimination, exclusion and violence from militant Islamic groups including Boko Haram, resulting in the loss of property, land, livelihood, physical injury or death. Even when not being directly attacked Christian communities in the north are often left without basic facilities such as clean water and health clinics. Christian girls are in very real danger of being abducted and forced to marry, access to secondary school or higher education is frequently denied.

Further south In the Christian majority states of the Middle Belt of Nigeria believers face violent night attacks from Hausa-Fulani Muslim herdsmen, who want their land. They have killed thousands of Christians and destroyed or targeted hundreds of churches and yet several states are planning to give these herdsmen grazing fields out of the land of indigenous Christian communities thus reducing the land for Christians. In the first quarter of this year Fulani herder militia perpetrated at least 106 attacks on communities in central Nigeria, claiming 1061 lives. The situation has been exacerbated by an inadequate government response to violence, which in turn has fostered impunity. Beyond intermittent verbal condemnations, definitive action has not been taken to end it and no perpetrator has been brought to justice.

Please pray for Nigeria, for the Christians facing daily persecution, the villages petrified by the possibility of night time attacks, the inadequate government, and lack of effective support by the UN and other countries.

Pray for Leah – a Christian girl currently held by Boko Haram. 110 girls were abducted from a Government Girls Science and Technical College in February, 104 were returned home in March, 5 had died and were buried in the bush. Only Leah remains because she will not deny her Christian faith.

If you are interested in knowing more about our persecuted brothers and sisters why not come to our next prayer meeting on Monday 24 September at 8.00pm. More details from Jenny Davis, via the church office.