

# Christ Church Beckenham

## Bulletin



CHRIST CHURCH  
BECKENHAM

### 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.

**If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.**

1 Peter 3:15

**Festival Choir**  
- changes to rehearsal dates...

Following feedback, there will be one **rehearsal date on 30th November** with a refresher on **21st December**.

Please contact the office or Christian Strover if you would like to be involved!

*Services Today:*

**8:00am**  
**HOLY COMMUNION - Luke Bacon**  
'Ephesians - Family & Work'  
Ephesians 6:1-9  
(page 1177 in church bibles)

**10:30am**  
**ALL-AGE - Luke Bacon**  
'Ephesians - Family & Work'  
Ephesians 6:1-9

**6:30pm**  
**HOLY COMMUNION - Chris Bates**  
Tricky Text 'Is Baptism essential & what does it mean?' Acts 2:41 & John 4:1-2

*Coffee and croissants are served after the 8am service on the 1st Sunday of the month.*

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

**Children's Activities during the 10.30am service**  
Today, children stay in church during the All-age Service. Please note that there is no crèche today. On other Sundays, children come into church at 10.30am for a time of worship then leave for Sunday School in the halls.

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



## What's on at Christ Church Beckenham...

Tuesday 6	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 Bible Study: Colossians 3:18 - 4:1 'Living for Jesus in our relationships'
	6.00pm	Beaver Colony and Cub Pack meet
	7.30pm	Track Group for years 10 to 11, ends 8.45pm
Wednesday 7	10.30am	Baby & Toddlers in all halls
	3.00pm	'The Lounge' Drop in, 3-5pm after school (year 7+)
	7.45pm	'first Wednesday' starts at 8pm - to pray for the life of the Church. We will be focussing on the ministry of our small groups.
	7.30pm	Worship Team Gathering in church, until 9.00pm
Thursday 8	2.00pm	Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter, Lounge. All welcome.
Friday 9	8.15pm	Christ Church Singers
	9.40pm	Street Pastors in the High Street until 2am
Saturday 10	10.00am	Church open from 10am to 12noon
Sunday 11	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION:</b> Rob Hinton 'Standing firm and battle ready' Ephesians 6:10-20
	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE:</b> Rob Hinton 'Standing firm and battle ready' Ephesians 6:10-20
		<p><i>* Please note the change of time for this service.</i></p> <p><i>* There is no Sunday School or Girls' Choir today.</i></p> <p><i>* There will be no refreshments after this service, as we will walk down to the War Memorial at 10.15am.</i></p>
<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	6.00pm	Building to Bless Prayer Gp in the choir vestry/crèche room
	6.30pm	<b>EVENING PRAISE:</b> Graham Cook Tricky Text - 'Why was Cain's offering not accepted by God?' Genesis 4:2-7



### Remembrance Sunday

**Missionary Support Weekend update:** We are pleased to say that donations from the congregation means that the full budgeted figure of £30,000 has been raised to cover the financial needs of our mission partners for 2019. The missionary committee wish to say thank you to all those who have made a donation to support our mission partners.

## Notices

**Advance notice** - all reasonably ! able bodied persons, Sunday 25th November - after the morning service we are intending to have a quick clear out of the Boiler Room in the Church Halls. With enough people this should take about 20 minutes. There are some music stands / timber seats / filing cabinets / lots of small pieces of timber to go in a skip by the car park - BUT - you are welcome to help yourselves to anything. Please let David Fuhr know if you can help via the church office.

**Prayer for persecuted Christians** - We rejoice in the release of Aasia Bibi after 9 years in prison. Please pray for the family and those closely involved with her case. We continue to pray for others such as Leah imprisoned by the Boko Haram in Northern Nigeria. Our next meeting for prayer for persecuted Christians will be on Monday 12 November. 8.00pm.

Want to know more about the persecution in the middle belt of Nigeria? Come and hear the Archbishop of Jos, Ben Kwashi, speak on Tuesday November 20th at West Croydon Baptist Church, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. West Croydon Baptist Church is at Whitehorse Road, the corner of St James' Road, CR0 2JH.

**Margaret Krombach** thanks all the people who have support her in prayer when her sister was in care and those who came to the funeral.

**Charitable Giving** - As part of its 2018 budget, the PCC agreed to allocate approx. 10% of its commercial and halls rental income to be used for charitable donations, with suggestions for worthy beneficiaries to be sought from the congregation in respect of approximately one third of this, amounting to £5,000. The idea is that this sum will be split into a number of smaller donations rather than given as a lump sum to a single charity. Please provide Gail Wells (treasurer) with your suggestion, by Sunday 18th November, preferably accompanied by a brief written note, or email the office with an outline of the work of the suggested cause and your reason for nominating it.

### *Dates for your diary:*

- **Men's Breakfast** - 24th November, Luke Bacon
- **Carers Together** on Wednesday 28th November - a Christmas Event with Carols
- **Ladies' Christmas Craft Evening** - 7th December, 7.30pm

### *Diocese and Deanery notices*

- **Gaslight**, a gripping psychological thriller set in fog-bound Victorian London, Thursday 8th November, Bromley Little Theatre, 7.45pm. Book tickets [anne.jusb@btconnect.com](mailto:anne.jusb@btconnect.com) or speak to Andrew Lancaster
- **St Paul's Community Choir and St Paul's String Ensemble** - Saturday 24th November, 7.30pm at St Paul's Beckenham, BR3 1RB. The concert will include Handel's Messiah Part 1 and 'In Memoriam', remembering the end of WW1. Free entrance.
- Deanery **Trip to Oberammergau**, 22nd to 29th July 2020. Contact the office for more info.

**Coffee rota:** 4th November - Wells/Bowman HG (am); Burstow HG (pm)  
11th November - n/a (am), Ghinn (pm)

so that people become His followers

**Prayer for the Fourth Sunday before Advent**

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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***Please pray for all items in this bulletin and for:***

- **Ann L** recovering after surgery on a broken hip, sustained whilst staying with her sister in Hartlepool.
  - Those who usually cannot get to church - Audrey Anderson, Elizabeth Birch, Barbara Brand, Audrey Carter, Gaius and Nest Davies, Joe Gilbert, Peggy McGill, Jean Mills, Michael and Heidi Sanderson, Bert Sandford, Allen Stoffel, Annette Styles, Elizabeth Swaffield, Celia Tickner, David Vevers, Rhoda Weddall.
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**Mission Partners Paul & Kate B with Lydia & Christopher.  
Paul works with ReachAcross in Birmingham.**

Over the last several weeks Paul has been part of the planning team for a consultation in Birmingham to bring together leaders and practitioners in building relationships with Muslim communities and with those who disciple and mentor new believers. The consultation will help in the preparation and planning of a one-day conference scheduled for November 2019, as we consider what are the key issues Christians from a Muslim Background (CMBs) face who feel the need to remain 'secret believers' but need the fellowship of other believers. The consultation will take place mid-November.

Unfortunately, the application to UK Immigration (Home Office) for a sponsorship licence under the new charity of ReachAcross International, was not successful. The Executive Board of the charity has decided that the office does not have the administrative capacity to successfully administer the programme, so the charity will not be re-applying for a licence in the foreseeable future.

Paul continues to help with ESL (English as a Second Language) classes on a Thursday evening at a Christian community centre. He brings a printed illustration of a proverb to each lesson and this prompts discussion of life issues. Paul has also been doing door-to-door work in the summer with an elderly doctor who speaks some Arabic. Over the months they have distributed many Jesus Film DVDs and literature.

The present International Director is stepping down from the role in the summer of 2019, so Paul has been part of the 'search committee' for a new International Director. The present German National Director has been nominated for the role, so Paul will be initiating the election process in early November.

Kate continues work in the schools in Bridgwater. Lydia is now in her second year at Southampton University and has changed course to study 'Pure Biology', dropping the 'Marine Biology' component. Christopher is now at College in a town some miles from Bridgwater and keeps busy with his football refereeing.

Please pray that the consultation would go well in mid-November and that the election process for the new International Director would go smoothly.

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