

# 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**  
- numbers are growing.  
**Rehearsal date is on 30th November** with a refresher on **21st December.**

Interested?  
Contact the office or Christian Strover if you would like to be involved!

### Services Today:

**8:00am**  
**HOLY COMMUNION - Clive Grinham**  
'Christ is your Life'  
Colossians 3:1-17  
(page 1184 in church bibles)

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**6:30pm**  
**THE SUNDAY CONVERSATION**  
**- David Dickson**

*(Refreshments are served after our 10:30am service and at 6.30pm before The Sunday Conversation starts at 7pm. Please come and join us).*

### 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.

Our mission is ...

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

Tuesday 20	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: Sheila Avery 'Wartime Memories'
	6.00pm	Beaver Colony and Cub Pack meet
	7.30pm	Track Group for years 10 to 11, ends 8.45pm
Wednesday 21	10.30am	Baby & Toddlers in all halls
	3.00pm	'The Lounge' Drop in, 3-5pm after school (year 7+)
Thursday 22	2.00pm	Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter, Lounge. All welcome.
Friday 23	8.15pm	Christ Church Singers
	9.40pm	Street Pastors in the High Street until 2am
Saturday 24	8.30am	Men's Breakfast. Doors open 8.15am, finishes 9.30am. Find out more about our Curate, Luke Bacon. Please email the church office if you will be attending.
	10.00am	Church open from 10am to 12noon
Sunday 25	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION:</b> John Anscombe 'Between a rock and a hard place' Psalm 61
	9.30am	Girls' Choir practice in the Lea Wilson Room
	9.50am	Building to Bless Prayer Gp in the choir vestry/crèche room
	10.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE:</b> John Anscombe 'Between a rock and a hard place' Psalm 61
	11.30am	<b>Clear-out of the Boiler Room in Church halls.</b> Should take about 20 minutes. Offers of help to David Fuhr please.
	4.30pm	<b>AFTERNOON PRAISE:</b> Rob Hinton 'Tricky Text - I have not come to bring peace' Matthew 10:34-42

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### Intercontinental Church Society (ICS)

Madge Olby has a table at the back of church today with current information and news from ICS. Donations invited.

## Notices



**Wanted - used Christmas cards at least 12 cm square and unwanted paperback books, please give to Viv, Sarah or Carol.**

The **Missionary Support Committee** wish to give a heartfelt thanks to all those who responded financially following the recent missionary support weekend. Those who indicated they would like to make regular contributions to the work of CCB's mission partners will have received an email providing them with the requisite details to enable them to establish a bankers order. If you have not received an email in the first instance can we ask that you check your junk mail as we are aware that some of the emails have been placed in this folder. Should this draw a blank then please contact Keith Robbins at [keith.ccb@kcr.org.uk](mailto:keith.ccb@kcr.org.uk) Thank you.

### *Dates for your diary:*

- **Carers Together**  
- 28th November. A Christmas Event with Carols. *Flyers at the back of church.*
- **Ladies' Christmas Craft Evening**  
- 7th December.  
*Please sign up at the back of church.*
- **Family Fun Morning**  
- 16th December,  
*Pick up a flyer from the back of church.*

Our next **Men's Breakfast**, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, will be an opportunity to find out a bit more about our Curate, Luke Bacon. Doors open at 8:15am for an 8:30am start, with the aim of finishing by 9:30am. If you could let me know, preferably by email, if you can come that would help estimate the numbers to cater for. Tim via the church office.

#### **Future Breakfast Dates**

12<sup>th</sup> January - London to Manila by bike, Simon Fox  
23<sup>rd</sup> March  
8<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Bible Reading Notes 2019**

Many people like to use bible reading notes to encourage their daily devotion and Bible study. You can arrange a subscription directly with the publisher, but if you would prefer to collect the booklet when you come to church, please speak to me by the end of November to order for the coming year. Frances Barnard

### *Diocese and Deanery notices*

- **Persecution in Nigeria** - come and hear Archbishop Ben Kwashi on Tuesday 20th November at West Croydon Baptist Church, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. More information from the church office.
- **Stabbings in the Borough of Bromley** - Come and pray against the violence that is happening in the Borough of Bromley. Wednesday 21 November, 7.00pm at Orpington Baptist Church. Inspector Gary Byfield from the MPS will joining us. More information from the church office.
- **St Paul's Community Choir and St Paul's String Ensemble** - Saturday 24th November, 7.30pm at St Paul's Beckenham, BR3 1RB. Free entrance.

**Prayer for the Second Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

- We pray for the family and friends of **Doris B**, who died on 1st November.  
A thanksgiving service will take place at Christ Church Beckenham on Monday 3rd December at 1.30pm, with refreshments at the back of church afterwards. The Rev'd Rod Jones will be taking the service.
  - **Ann L** awaiting arrangements to be made for her to return to Beckenham after surgery on a broken hip (while in Hartlepool visiting her sister).
  - 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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The gift from Christ Church comes at exactly the right moment to support the expanding work of the Local Transformation Units as the leaders take responsibility. Their impact on their communities is strong and varies from spiritual empowerment in Village Discipleship Schools, medical outreach to those in need and linking them to the Dreamland Hospital; developing bee-keeping, farming of goat and chickens and arable crops – even the Dreamland School has managed to grow enough maize and beans to provide a daily meal for the pupils for two terms, while the Kamusinga Demonstration farm has been able to sell bananas and kale.

Two groups have been involved in building houses for widows and disabled people, who themselves have been engaged in knitting clothes. There has even been a start in work with solar panels – there is no shortage of sunlight!

As well as routine care, the Hospital has been midwife to 26 babies, run an outreach to middle aged people combining sport with health awareness, while the Chaplaincy team has counselled over 200 patients. The Smile team (operating on cleft palates) visits this month.

10 students at the College of Transformation Studies sat for the exam in Early Child Development Education, and a further 18 have enrolled for the course.

God's love is expressed in the lives and ministry of the Mission. Please pray for everyone to walk closely with God, and to be sustained by Him in the huge demands of the work.

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**Coffee rota:**    *18th November - Gale HG (am); Bates HG (pm)*  
                          *25th November - Meeting Point (am)*