



# 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** - Luke Bacon

'Reaching Down - Leaning all the way down'  
Genesis 2:4-7 (page 4 in church bibles)

10:30am

**MORNING PRAISE** - Luke Bacon

'Reaching Down - Leaning all the way down'  
Genesis 2:4-7

6:30pm

**EVENING PRAISE** – Rob Hinton

'Esther - To party or not to party' Esther 1:1-22

(Refreshments are served after our 10:30am and 6.30pm services. Please come and join us).



May the Lord make your love  
increase and overflow for each  
other and for everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

### Coffee rota:

13th January - Erasmus HG (am); Ghinn HG (pm)

20th January - Gale HG (am); Bates HG (pm)

### 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...

Monday 14 Jan		<i>The office is closed as Rob and the team are away for the day.</i>
Tuesday 15 Jan	7.15am	Prayer Breakfast in the Lounge, all welcome
	10.00am	Meeting Point (women's Bible study) in the Lounge
	2.30pm	Open Doors Speaker Meeting: Kate Suh 'Stories of the Law and what Courts do'
	6.00pm	Beaver Colony and Cub Pack meet
	7.30pm	Track Group for years 10 to 11, ends 8.45pm
Wednesday 16	10.00am	Baby & Toddlers in the halls
Thursday 17	2.00pm	Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter, Lounge. All welcome.
Friday 18	8.15pm	Christ Church Singers' practice
	9.40pm	Street Pastors in the High Street until 2am
Saturday 19	9.30am	Men Behaving Dadly - 9.30am - 11.00am: for Dads and pre-school children. Toys, bacon rolls, tea and coffee. Suggested donation of £2. Cards with details are at the back of the Church.
	10.00am	Church open from 10am to 12noon
Sunday 20	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION:</b> Joe Whiting 'Reaching Up - Make an offering' Genesis 22:1-19
	9.30am	Junior Choir practice in the Lea Wilson Room
	10.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION:</b> Joe Whiting 'Reaching Up - Make an offering' Genesis 22:1-19
	6.30pm	<b>THE SUNDAY CONVERSATION:</b> Justyn Rees Larcombe

### Key dates for the diary:

- **Carers Together** - Wednesday 23rd January, 2pm - *leaflets at the back of church*
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - Friday 18th to Friday 25th January - *details at the back of church*
- **An evening with Dick & Caroline** - Wednesday 23rd January - *see notice*
- **Ladies' Breakfast** - Saturday 26th January - *see notice*
- **Recovery Course** - Wednesday 30th January - *leaflets at the back of church*

Dear Friends, I am sure you are aware that the Recovery from Addiction Course, which we have been praying about for some time, starts soon. I should be very grateful if you would consider whether you could work in a small team to provide a main course for this event meeting each Wednesday in the Main Hall from 30 January to 8 May inclusive. The meal will need to be served at 7pm and your team should be able to leave shortly after 7.30.

If you are able to offer a team or would like to be placed in a team, please contact Vivienne Smith to select a date or to find out more information. Contacting me for more details does not mean you have signed up!



Many thanks, Vivienne Smith.



**Saturday 26th January**

8.30am Christ Church Hall, Beckenham

Guest speaker - Ruth Salama

To book your place and advise of any dietary requirements,  
please contact Helen in the church office  
on 020 8650 3847 / office@ccb.org.uk / www.ccb.org.uk



Thank you to all  
Christ Church members who  
sent me Christmas cards.  
God bless, Barbara Brand.

The second winter shelter for local homeless people run by Bromley Homeless Shelter charity opened in Penge two weeks ago. There is still an urgent need for cooks and other volunteers. Please see their web site for more details. Rowena has visited the new shelter and cooked some meals and is happy to give more information.

### **Dick and Caroline Seed at CCB Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, 7.45pm, Main Hall**

When we last visited CCB in June 2017, we knew that we had come to the end of the road in terms of what we were doing in Kenya. Dick's part-time initiative to train lecturers for theological colleges and university departments (TEDS) had grown to the extent that he needed to concentrate on it full-time. In order to do that, he needed a partner college and a sponsor for the programme. We asked you to pray with us about these needs.

Since then, a whirlwind of answers to prayer has seen us link up with the Overseas Council Australia (OCA), move TEDS to a host college in Cape Town and re-orientate our mission focus to training future leaders for theological education in Africa.

Come along on Wednesday evening to find out what we have been doing and what we are planning to do in the next year. We'll show you a few video clips to give you a flavour of the people we are working with. We'll also be honest with you about the challenges we face. You will have a chance to ask questions and we will ask you to pray for the next steps on the journey.

Looking forward to seeing you then!

**Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

- The family and friends of **Chris Porteous** who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. He passed away peacefully at home aged 83 after a long illness. Chris was a lay reader here and was a member of Christian Stover's men and boys choir and his four daughters were all in the girls choir back in the 1970s and 80s. Chris's funeral will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 1pm at All Saints Parish Church, Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington, Kent, CT7 9RS.
- The **Weddell family**: please pray for Bill who is in the PRUH following a stroke at New Year, Rhoda for her ongoing care in a Nursing Home and for their daughters, Carys and Ruth, for strength and guidance as they continue to coordinate the care needs for both their parents. (If you are thinking of visiting Bill, please remember that his first name is Thomas!).
- The **Lancaster/Barrett family**: Anne, at home and in considerable pain. Please pray for strength and endurance and for guidance for the upcoming medical referral appointment later on in January. Please also remember Barbara (Anne's mum) who is in the PRUH for tests and rehabilitation – please pray for peace and guidance regarding her future care.
- Please remember all those who are continuing with ongoing medical treatment, those who are awaiting the results of medical tests, their family members and friends and all those working in the medical field in whatever capacity.
- Those who cannot or cannot usually 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 Weddell.

Julie Winning from **Karis Kids UK** went to Uganda recently and met and spent 2 days on retreat with the new priest at St Luke's, Rev Canon Samuel, along with all the other Karis vicars and the new Diocesan Secretary and Merab, the Diocesan Treasurer.

Canon Samuel is a wonderful man with a wealth of experience of leading churches in a range of situations and challenges. He was moved to tears as he learnt of the extent and impact of the work of Karis and is going to be a great advocate for promoting its work within the parish, suggesting families within St Luke's should be playing their part in supporting more Karis families.

Please pray for the development of this work at St Lukes, as well as wisdom for the Canon Samuel and the whole Clergy team as they deal with the many challenges of the discipling of a wealthy congregation in a very unequal city and country.

**Message from Samuel Kitalya** - Happy New Year to you all and the entire congregation. Thank you so much indeed for standing with us in the past year and even before. We are ever grateful and will never underestimate the priceless commitment.

We've started installing security cameras to monitor the situation in homes and the schools. Its been a huge challenge for our home staff and security staff to monitor children's behaviours on site. This will limit thieves walking away with base property sometimes.

Our dump truck had a major engine problem a while ago and is being restored as well. We had some children who needed their bedding replaced benefiting from the funds too. The balance will be used over time to support the administrative costs. May the Lord bless you all for the financial support that you have given us.