



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

'How are you going to build'
Matthew 7:24-29 (page 972 in church bibles)

10:30am

ALL-AGE SERVICE - Jonathan Poole

'How are you going to build'
Matthew 7:24-29

**Cake Sale
after 10.30am
service**

6:30pm

HOLY COMMUNION - Colin Gale

'Esther - Haman the Madman'
Esther 3

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



Coffee rota:

3rd February - Wells/Bowman HG (am);

Burstow HG (pm)

10th February - Erasmus HG (am); Ghinn HG (pm)



Beavers cake sale today to raise money for some exciting adventures this term and to help towards annual census fees.



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 5 Feb	7.15am	Prayer Breakfast in the Lounge, all welcome
	10.00am	Meeting Point (women's Bible study) in the Lounge
	2.30pm	Open Doors Bible Study - 1 Chronicles 1-9 'The concerns of the kingdom'
	6.00pm	Beaver Colony and Cub Pack meet
	7.30pm	Track Group for years 10 to 11, ends 8.45pm
Wednesday 6	10.00am	Baby & Toddlers in the halls
	7.00pm	Recovery Course, Main Hall.
	7.45pm	'first Wednesday' in the CHURCH , starts 8pm
Thursday 7	2.00pm	Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter, Lounge. All welcome.
	7.30pm	Worship Team Gathering in church until 9.00pm
Friday 8	8.15pm	Christ Church Singers' practice
	9.40pm	Street Pastors in the High Street until 2am
Saturday 9	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 10	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION: Rob Hinton 'Reaching up - Ask for forgiveness' Hosea 14
	9.30am	Junior Choir practice in the Lea Wilson Room
	10.30am	MORNING PRAISE: Rob Hinton 'Reaching up - Ask for forgiveness' Hosea 14
	6.00pm	Building to Bless Prayer Gp in the choir vestry/crèche room
	6.30pm	EVENING PRAISE: Graham Cook 'Esther - A cause worth dying for' Esther 4



Prayer for Candlemas

Lord give us the eyes of faith, to see your presence in the world. Where fear closes our eyes, help us. Where tears blind us, heal us. Where busyness keeps us from noticing, slow us. Where pride gets in the way, release us. Set us free to see your love at work in the world. Amen.



A Brand New Ministry for CCB

Before Christmas the PCC agreed to buy a mini coffee van with the intension that we would begin to provide/sell proper barista coffee to the people out on the High Street on Saturday nights. We have permission to make our pitch on the garage forecourt

at the bottom of Fairfield Road, from 9pm to 11:30pm in the hope of catching those making their way slowly up the High Street and on towards London. The van is

currently waiting to be collected and then will be rebranded - **CCBarista**

There are a few things we need. Can you help?

- It's only a little fella! We really need a small space to keep it - does anyone have room in their garage?
- Would anyone be willing to handle the small amount of admin associated with this?
- Would you like to become one of our trained Barista team?

Please speak to Rob or Luke for more information as soon as you can.



CCB is launching **REMEMBER TOGETHER**, a group that will meet every first Tuesday of the month, with opportunities to enjoy fun dementia-friendly activities for people living with dementia, their carers, families and friends. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd April 2019, 10am – 11:30am. Ahead of this, if you want to gain a better understanding of dementia, please come to one of our **DEMENTIA FRIENDS TALKS** to be held at Christ Church Beckenham on:

Tuesday 5th March, 10am - 11am / Sunday 24th March, 12pm – 1pm

Please register your interest on 020 8650 3847 / office@ccb.org.uk. Further details from our Parish Nurse, Charmian Preston or Rey Richardson.

Notices:

- Today is the last day to claim **lost property**.
- **'first Wednesday'** on 6th February will be in church.
- **Emergency First Aid for Children** course, Saturday 23rd February, 9.45am to 12noon. Pick up a leaflet from the back of church.
- **Prayer for Persecuted Christians**, 11th February and 11 March.
- **2019 World Day of Prayer Service** for Slovenia, Friday 1st March 2019 at 10.30am at St James Church Beckenham. A service for everyone prepared by the people of Slovenia. Theme: 'Come - Everything Is Ready!' (Luke 14:15-24)

so that people become His followers

Please pray for all items in this bulletin and for:

- The family and friends of **Heather Finch** who died on 18th January. Our thoughts are particularly with Glen, Marina and family at this time.
- Please continue to remember all mentioned on the bulletin in recent weeks - those who are in hospital, those who are in nursing homes, those at home who are having medical tests and undergoing (or awaiting) treatment.
- Please remember all who are involved in a caring capacity for a family member or friend - that they may have continued strength, patience and rest.
- Food banks, particularly Living Well, and those who need to use this facility together with those who staff and help in many and varied ways.
- Night shelters for homeless people, particularly those near us in Bromley, Penge and at Crystal Palace football ground.
- Those who cannot or cannot usually get to church - Jill Amos, 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.

Starfish Asia, Mike and Kerstin Wakely

After waiting nine months for a visa for Pakistan, Mike was refused in September, which was very frustrating but possibly also a blessing well disguised, as our team in Pakistan has been more than busy with other guests and many new opportunities. However, having said that, Mike now has a visa and is leaving for Karachi on Tuesday (5th February) for just under a month. These are some of the opportunities where we have significant input:

- The launch of Christian Scout groups in about 40 schools, as part of the Pakistan Scout Movement, but with a clear Christian emphasis. This is an extra-curricular activity aimed at keeping the children enthusiastic about staying in school, as a high percentage drop out after primary schooling.
- We are also launching regular organised Bible study groups for Christian teachers, following course books from the Open Theological Seminary. This begins this month in 40 schools.
- Mike has just completed writing his 50-lesson Bible Curriculum course for Class 7 in Christian schools. It is a 200-page book in Urdu. The challenge now is a book for Class 6.
- With more funding available due to the fall in the value of the Pakistani Rupee, we now need to start regular increased support for low-paid Christian teachers, as well as giving funds to improve school facilities in some of the very poorest schools helping Christians. We aim to start supporting 10 new schools in coming weeks.

Mike will be visiting schools, connecting with many friends, especially in the Christian and educational community, and hopefully reinvigorating his own enthusiasm and inspiration for the work of Starfish Asia in Pakistan.

Dick and Caroline S: It was good to have Dick and Caroline in Beckenham for a short while last week to speak at the Wednesday evening mid-week meeting and meet up with others over coffee. During their time in the UK they visited CMS link churches and were able to spend time with their family here. They left the UK on 31st January for Kenya to return to their home and work in Capetown, S Africa. Please continue to remember them in their work of teaching, training and development of Diocesan theological education programmes.