



## February 2021 NEWSLETTER for CHRIST CHURCH DARTFORD

***“We are here to be and make followers of Christ”***

**Come Follow Me – Mark ch1 v.17**

Welcome to one of our occasional newsletters which seek to keep you in touch with developments at Christ Church, as we seek to be faithful in worshipping and serving God in these difficult times.

As you will all be aware, infection rates are still high in the local area and the health service is under extreme pressure to cope with the challenge this brings. Taking stock of this situation, the PCC has decided that we should continue to pause public gathered worship on a Sunday for the month of February.

**The church will remain closed for in-person Sunday worship from 7<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

Even though the church is sadly closed we continue to operate, here are some updates and activities we are excited about:-

- Our new **Mission Statement**, “We are here to be and make followers of Christ” has been approved by our PCC and is being launched this month. This statement is succinct in stating what our mission is and it is hoped that its simplicity will be memorable for us all.
- We have also taken this opportunity to write to each of our Christ Church community members in relation to the church’s **financial situation** and the way in which we are supporting both our own members and those in the wider community. Please read the accompanying letter and respond as you feel appropriate.
- We have introduced a weekly virtual **Sunday Morning Coffee Event** and a virtual **Weekly Prayer Meeting** on a Thursday evening, both of which can be accessed via the internet or by using your telephone. The church will continue to be open during the current lockdown each Wednesday from 2pm to 3pm **for individual private prayer**.

**Please contact the church office if you need assistance to join any of these events.**

*And, finally, as so many people are bearing pain this time, be it the loss of a loved one, a job, or a feeling of isolation, please feel free to contact the church office and we’ll get back to you for prayer or practical help to support you in life’s journey.*

Please see overleaf for two new initiatives being launched in February to enable people to stay connected with God and to support one another

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**Are you looking for ways to live out your faith and dig a bit deeper into the Bible during Lent?**

**Why not join our brand new Lent course  
"FOLLOWING CHRIST"**

Rev. Dr. Richard Mortimer has developed an exciting 7-week discipleship course. This course explores the life values of being a Christian and the Church of England's "Marks of mission".

If you are looking to be baptised or confirmed, then this course is an ideal opportunity for preparation for these events. .

**The first session will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm**

Existing house groups are going to be following this course but we want to start a new house group so if you aren't already in one, this is the perfect time to get involved.

Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining our new or existing groups.

**A NEW PRAYER TEAM IS BEING LAUNCHED!**

**We are thrilled to let you know that we now have a dedicated team of people who are available to pray for specific needs in our church and wider community.**

In this troubling time we want to support one another in prayer. If you have a specific prayer need, please contact Rev. Dr. R Mortimer, Rev. L Faturoti or the church office and your prayer request will be passed on to the team who will happily spend time praying for you.

If you would like someone to pray with you over the phone, please contact the church office and this will be arranged.

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