

# CHRIST CHURCH, DARTFORD

Dear Christ Church family,

Welcome to one of our occasional communications that endeavours to inform and update you all with events during the Summer months. Our primary objective throughout the Summer is to **rebuild our church family** and so we are organising a programme of differing events to enable this rebuilding –

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Join fellow Christ Church members at the afternoon **Chatty at 3pm** for tea, coffee, cake and plenty of chat with each other. Do feel free to bring a friend. Next Chatty after that will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August with the aim to relaunch the weekly Refresh Café as from September.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July = Church Family Get Together from 4:30 to 6:30pm.**

*Please note this new date and time which has been postponed to later in July as we are hoping that restrictions will be relaxed enough for us to have a real celebration.*

This will be a time for fun and fellowship in our church grounds with a selection of food celebrating the differing nationalities within our church. Hot food will be provided but we are asking people to bring and share a dessert of their choice. Please do feel assured that if social distancing is still required then this will be a Covid-19 safe event.

Booking, for catering purposes only, will be needed for this event either by emailing the church office, [christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk) or by leaving a detailed message on the church office phone, 01322 221589. However please do not let this deter you if you would like to come or bring a friend and you have not booked....we will cope!

The **New Wine** organisation is planning to live stream their Summer programme of worship and teaching entitled “United Breaks Out” which provides sessions for both adults, youth and children. A number of our church families would normally attend this high quality event and as such we are going to live stream the adult evening worship and training sessions on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 7 to 8:30pm in the church.** This will be a time where we can all come together in fellowship to enjoy excellent worship and good quality teaching so do please come and enjoy these events.

There is a full programme of events from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August for all the family and if you would like to sign up for this then please do see the following link – [www.new-wine.org/events/united-breaks-out/](http://www.new-wine.org/events/united-breaks-out/)

Each Monday during the summer holidays we will be running “**Fun and Food**” from 11am-2pm. This is a space for families from both church and the local community to come together with fun activities, crafts and lunch. To register your interest in either helping with this or attending with your children please email Lynne ([youthbookings.christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:youthbookings.christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk))

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## **Work Party - 17 July - 9.30am to 12.30pm**

Volunteers are required for some maintenance of the grounds and boundaries of the church and hall. Arrive when you can and stay as long as you can - all help would be appreciated. Jobs for all abilities such as litter picking, cutting back bushes, weeding, drain clearance, oiling padlocks, etc. We have some tools, but bring your own gloves and tools if you can. It would also be appreciated if anyone can book a slot at the dump to take some green waste.

**Looking forward** - we are hoping that post the government announcement on the 19<sup>th</sup> July we will be able to transition back to an 8am and 10am service pattern. More information will be provided as and when these transition plans become a reality.

We acknowledge however, that many people are still bearing pain at this time, be it the loss of a loved one, a job, or a feeling of isolation and so please do 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. On this note, we would like to remind you that the church will continue to open for Private Prayer each Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 3pm

Yours in love,

*Richard*  
(Rev Dr Richard Mortimer)

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