

We are here to be and to make followers of Christ.

“Come follow me” Jesus said. Mark 1 v17

Welcome to Christ Church Dartford

25 September

Welcome to our services today at Christ Church.

If you are new to Christ Church, then please do make yourself known to the sidespeople who will be able to answer any questions you may have or direct you to someone who can!!

Theme	Creation: Caring for Creation
8am	Morning Prayer (MP, CW) The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Reading: Genesis 2:1-17
10 am	Holy Communion (HC, CW) Reading: Genesis 2:1-17

Please Note: There is a **supervised crèche** available in the back rooms. You are welcome to leave your baby or toddler with our crèche team whilst you enjoy the service in church.

If you would like a notice included in this sheet or a prayer for the Prayer Diary, please could you let Sharon Jarvis know by emailing christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk or phoning 01322 221589 by Wednesday and leave a message on the Church answer phone.

Church is a safe place for everyone. If you have any concerns, please contact the Vicar or our Safeguarding Officer for help and advice.

Telephone 07828 082515 or email safeguarding@christchurchdartford.org.uk

At the church this Week...

Monday 26th September	9:45am	Housegroup in church
	6:30pm	9 th Dartford Beaver visit, hosted by Youth Pastor
	7:30pm	Communications Team Meeting in church
Tuesday 27th September	9:15am	Toddlers in church
	11am	Toddlers in church
	1pm to 4:30pm	'Refresh' Café in church
Wednesday 28th September	2pm	Prayer in church
Thursday 29th September	12pm	Funeral of Amaka Egeolu in church
	1:30pm	Housegroup in church
	8pm	Housegroup at Jan White's house
Sunday 2nd October	8am	Morning Prayer
	10am	All Age Worship

God in Creation and our responsibility



As we move into Autumn and the season of Harvest our church services will be focussing on Creation and the wonders of the world God has made – its mystery and order, the human responsibility for its care and the bountiful provision of God. Then we will change key to consider the journey of the people of Israel through the wilderness and how this can reflect the story of our own lives, as we face crisis after crisis with familiar certainties having been swept away. But we know that the God of the harvest is also the God of the desert and is Lord over

both the easy and challenging times in life. May we encounter his faithfulness and celebrate his goodness in all these seasons and circumstances.

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General Church Notices

Our next **Presence** evening service is on **TONIGHT** at 7pm on the theme of “Are we giving our best to God?” looking at the Jewish Festival of the Tabernacles.

Next week is our **Harvest Festival**, please bring food goods that can be shared with the Dartford Foodbank or monetary gifts that, this year will also go to the Foodbank. Richard will also be launching our Giving Campaign which has been mentioned in the Parish Magazine.

We are, following on with the need that was evident through the Fun and Food family initiative in the summer, hoping to open up a “**Warm Space**” for **All Ages** throughout the coming months where people can come and be warm, socialise with one another and be served a hot meal. We see this as a valuable initiative for our church members and the wider community meeting a need during the current cost of living crisis. We are hoping to open up weekly on a Thursday evening but to do so we will need volunteers to help with setting up, cooking, washing up and chatting with those who attend.

If you feel that you can help in any way then please do speak with Lynne or Sharon.

Catherine is looking for some additional helpers at our **Toddler group** - could you help with this valuable community outreach? There are two sessions, one at 9:15am and one at 11am and so if you could help, please do speak with Catherine.



We will be running an **Alpha course** over eight weeks starting on **Thursday 6th October** at 7pm with food being served from 7:30pm.

This course covers the basics of the Christian faith and is open to anyone whether they attend church or not. **Who could you invite?**

Each session begins with a meal or refreshments and is a chance to get to know others in the group. There will be a short talk which looks at a different aspects of the Christian faith each week followed by group discussion. Please speak with Alex if you are interested in attending or sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Thinking of baptism or confirmation? If you or a family member are considering baptism, (this can be for children or adults) please speak with Richard.

Confirmation is when adults affirm their Christian faith and the Bishop prays God’s Holy Spirit on their lives. The next confirmation service is planned for 20th November at a neighbouring church. The Alpha course above can be good preparation for these events, so please do consider this and speak with Richard.

Dartford HomeStart are looking for more volunteers who can work alongside parents in their own homes to help them cope with the stresses and strains of life and make sure they have the skills, confidence and strength they need to nurture their children. Free 40-hour training for this much needed initiative is commencing on the 5th October. If you are interested then please contact Debbie Bowler on 01322 225100. Further details can be found on www.homestartnwKent.org.uk or see the flyers at back of church.

Christ Church is a House of Prayer

Please pray for.....

**our new curate Alex and his wife
Emma and son Teddy as they start
a new season in their lives**

**Christ Church as we seek to build
relationships and community**

**the many people still feeling the
physical and emotional effects of
the pandemic**

**God to bless people's giving to the
church and bring the finances back
on track**

**people who have drifted to feel
able to come back.**

newcomers to feel welcome

**seniors to find strength for the day
and companionship**

**young people going through school
and higher education and for those
seeking employment**

**spiritual renewal for us all, to know
God's love and power in our lives**

**God to guide the maintenance and
development of the facilities at
church**

***Christ Church aims to be a house of prayer, a healing place and a training
place – pray for God to fulfil this vision***

Our services next Sunday 2nd October

8am – Morning Prayer with Alex leading and preaching on a theme of
“Creation: Abundance and Provision” – Deuteronomy 8:1-14

10am – All Age Worship with Richard and Alex on a theme of “Creation:
Abundance and Provision” – Deuteronomy 8:1-14