

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

“Come follow me” Jesus said. Mark 1 v17

Welcome to Christ Church Dartford

15 January Prayer in Action

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	Prayer for Boldness
8am	Holy Communion (HC, BCP) The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Reading: Acts 4:23-31
10am	Morning Worship (MW, CW) Reading: Acts 4:23-31

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.

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 16th January	9:45am	Housegroup in church
Tuesday 17th January	9:15am 11am 1pm to 4:30pm	Toddlers in church Toddlers in church 'Refresh' Café in church
Wednesday 18th January	2pm	Private Prayer in church
Thursday 19th January	1:30pm 4pm to 7pm	Housegroup in church Just Come Round! in church
Sunday 22nd January	8am 10am 5pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion An evening of music and poetry by Petra Stoffel

Our Alternative Christmas Card collected £177-84 for the We Are Beams charity!

Supporting Christ Church

You can donate using the QR code opposite.

See our website: christchurchdartford.com/contact-support-us/ for more information about our church finances and ways to support us financially.



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General Church Notices

Sunday 22nd January at 5pm – an evening of music and poetry by Petra Stoffel. In her album, Journey of Faith, Petra shares profound and thought-provoking insights into her life journey after experiencing a loved one's suicide early on in life. Her lyrics and poetry explore themes of loneliness and pain, trust and perseverance, gratitude and joy. During the evening performance, Petra takes you on an inspiring journey from darkness to light, from sadness to joy and invites you to live your own life as fully and courageously as you can. **This is an evening not to be missed!** Tickets are £8, please book via Sharon in the church office.

Have you been curious as to what the Alpha course is all about? The course covers the basics of the Christian faith and is open to anyone whether they attend church or not. Each session begins with a meal or refreshments followed by the weekly video which looks at different aspects of the Christian faith interspersed with group discussion. It is the place where you can meet with like minded people, make new friends and ask those questions of the Christian faith that are on your mind. Our next courses are planned to start 19th January 2023, **both afternoon (1 to 2:30pm) and evening (7:30 to 9pm)**, please speak with Alex if you are interested in attending.

Saturday 25th February at 7pm for a 7:30pm start - Man of Straw; a story in song and word for those who are marginalised in society today. It has been written by John Cunningham and is supported by Steve Shorey, Jane's husband! This is a free event but donations to the Dartford Winter Shelter are invited. Please book via Sharon in the church office.

Do you like having a coffee/tea after church on a Sunday? If so, are you able to join our team to serve them? If so, then please do speak with Sharon. We are looking for another 6 teams of two people so that each team does it once every 3 months i.e. a commitment of 4 times a year!!

Church Holiday at New Wine United – A number of church families will be attending the New Wine United event **1st to 5th August 2023 at Detling Showground near Maidstone Kent.** This will be a time of celebrating everything God has been doing in our lives, churches, and communities with impactful teaching, worship, Holy Spirit ministry, community, connection, and transformational encounters with God.

There will be programmes for all ages, with New Wine Kids groups and LUMINOSITY for 11-18s. If you would like more information on the event then please speak to Richard, Lynne, Alex or Michael and Gill Smith who have all attended for a number of years and strongly recommend that you consider coming in 2023 as it is only about 30 miles away!!

We are hoping that we could get a large number of us attending so that we could go as a church family and it is hoped, depending on the numbers attending, that we could organise transport and on-site catering as a church.

If 5 days away seems too much then we are looking to suggest a one day event on Thursday 3rd August for church members to experience what is on offer for perhaps attending in full in 2024.

For more details and costs see [United 23 - New Wine \(new-wine.org\)](https://www.new-wine.org).

Places are available on the Volunteer team, these are free except for a small administration charge, see Lynne for more details.

6Christ Church aims to be a house of prayer, a healing place and a training place – pray for God to fulfil this vision

Please pray for...

Our church as we enter into 2023 –

- that people who have drifted feel able to come back
- that newcomers feel welcome
- for our endeavours as we seek to build relationships and community
- for God to guide the maintenance and development of the facilities at church
- for Spiritual renewal for us all, to know God's love and power in our lives

Those looking to attend Alpha, that they will be touched by God and want to begin their journey

Our weekly Just Come Round initiative, that its existence will reach the right people, who will come and receive a warm welcome in a warm space. Thank God for those who are helping make this happen

Young people going through school and higher education and for those seeking employment

Seniors to find strength for the day and companionship

Our wider community and the world during these challenging times and that areas of conflict may find peace

Our services on next Sunday – 22nd January

8am – Morning Prayer with Richard leading and preaching on a theme of “Escape from Prison” – Acts 12:1-19

10am – Holy Communion with Richard leading and Michael preaching on a theme of “Escape from Prison” – Acts 12:1-19

If you would like a notice included in this sheet, 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.