

## Newslink 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**9.00am**

Holy Communion

*Andrew Strawson*

**10.30am**

T4 (Together for) service

**New to Christ Church?** If you are new and want to find out more, please speak to one of the Stewards or Welcomers who greeted you as you came in, or speak to the Service Leader who will be at the door as you leave. Programme, Information and Newcomers' cards are available in the Foyer.

### The week ahead at Christ Church 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Mon	Foyer Coffee shop closed all week	
Tue		
Wed	7.00pm	Prayer time for the new vicar
Thu	2.30pm	TFX (Philippi)
Fri		
Sat		
Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Contemporary Service with Explosive! Rooted and RiSE
	5.30pm	Mission prayer (Lebanon/ Nazareth)
	7.00pm	Worship Night

### Dates for your diary

**Praying For Transformation In Our Parish.** It is time to change the atmosphere in our parish, so we are inviting you to pray for Purley road by road. This week we are praying for **Lansdowne Court** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

**Prayer time for the new vicar Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm until 7.45pm** in church.

**TFX Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2.30pm Philippi.** Monthly bible study and discussion for 50+. Who is Christ? – The Builder

**Mission prayer and information Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 5.30-6.30pm (Lebanon / Nazareth)** An opportunity for everyone interested in mission and prayer to gather and find out what's going on with Christ Church in the mission field and also to explore opportunities to engage with mission all over the world. There will be tea/coffee and biscuits/cake and space to pray into the different aspects of mission life. Info: Ann Foley and Bej Pal.

**Bereavement support group Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1.00pm Lebanon / Nazareth.** Meet for light lunch and chat. Info: Pauline Chapman

**Joy and Abbie Assa Darko:** Joy thanks you for the cards and messages of support she has received following both the death of her husband, Kofi, and also her recent house move. Although the family are arranging a private meal to celebrate Kofi's life, you are however invited to his thanksgiving service on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2.15pm at Christ Church. Dress code: your own preference. You are welcome to join them if you are able.

**World Day of Prayer - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.** Refreshments & songs from the choir of Christ Church School from 3.00pm for a 3.45pm service compiled by women from Slovenia. 'Come Everything is Ready'. A global ecumenical movement led by Christian women, welcomes you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Activities for children available. Everyone is invited to come.

**Appointment of Vicar at Purley, Christ Church by the Bishop of Southwark.** We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Douglas John Low McHardie, presently Rector of St Peter, Woodmansterne, in the Diocese of Southwark, has been appointed Vicar of Christ Church, Purley. Further details of the Licensing Service on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April will follow in due course.

**Vocations Fair Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm -8.30pm Church of the Holy Spirit Narbonne Avenue London SW4 9JU.** Explore your vocation in a welcoming and friendly environment. Info: [vocations@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:vocations@southwark.anglican.org)

**Book of the Month: Indescribable by Louie Giglio - 100 Devotions about God & Science - Price £12.99.** As recommended by our Children's Pastor, Jude Barber - These 100 devotions encourage awe at God's creativity with an in-depth look at \* Space, Galaxies, Planets, and Stars \* Earth, Geology, Oceans, and Weather \* Animals-from Hummingbirds to Dinosaurs \* Our Minds, Bodies, and Imaginations. Each devotion features a "Be Amazed" section with fascinating facts, hands-on activities, and a closing prayer. Indescribable: 100 Devotions About God & Science will help kids discover the incredible creation of our indescribable God. Now available from the "SEEDS" Bookstall.

**Purley Food Hub volunteers:** If you would like to be part of an exciting Churches Together project that blesses people who are struggling then why not join our happy band of volunteers at Purley Food Hub. We open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm and operate from Purley United Reformed Church, Brighton Road (next to Purley Hospital). At client sessions, we need people to help pack the food for clients, serve refreshments and input data and on Monday mornings and Tuesday evenings people to sort food ready for distribution. Simple training will be given to volunteers so if you are interested please contact Jean Ludlow [purleyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:purleyfoodhub@gmail.com) indicating what you would like to do to help us. / 07546 635295.

**Conference in Bulgaria 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March: Helping to inspire, equip and develop leaders of children's ministry.** An exciting opportunity has developed for Jude Barber to join with a small team from PBC to visit Sofia Baptist Church in Bulgaria. Please can we invite you to support this mission in one of two ways: through prayer and practical aid. Prayer - please pray for the conference, the church in Sofia and those who spend their lives leading children's ministry in this difficult climate. Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance as the team seeks to learn from those serving in Bulgaria as well as wisdom in their support of them. Practical aid - the team would love to bless the 35 Children's ministries represented by equipping them with resource packs for the conference. Therefore, if you would like to make a donation towards this, please can you place your gift in the offering plate in an envelope marked, 'Bulgaria' by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. If you wish us to claim Gift Aid on your donations please take and fill in the front of one of the envelopes that can be found in the perspex rack in the church. For more information about the church please visit: [www.sebc.bg/en/Home](http://www.sebc.bg/en/Home)

**Asking for cash** - Please note it is not the policy at Christ Church to give cash to members of the public or congregation who ask. The best way to help is by contacting the pastoral team on 07582 622 928 Mon- Fri 9.00am-5.00pm or consider giving donations to the Food Hub.

**APCM Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am**

**Electoral roll: 2019 is the year we start a completely new electoral roll.**

Even if you are on the current electoral roll, you will **not** be on the new one *unless* you complete a new 2019 electoral roll form.

If you wish to go on the new 2019 electoral roll and either live in the parish or have attended for at least the last 6 months and are baptised, please complete a new 2019 electoral roll form and return it to the office.

Reasons to be on the Christ Church Electoral roll:-

- You can vote at the annual church meeting
- You can nominate any one for to stand for the PCC
- You can stand for the PCC
- You can stand as church warden.

You can also request a form to be sent by email [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk)  
All completed forms must be in the office by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**Church warden vacancy** – there is one vacancy as church warden. Please speak to James Ganpatsingh or Martin Ryan for more information. Nomination forms available from Church.

**PCC Membership** - there are four PCC vacancies arising this year. Would you like to know more? Please contact any PCC member\* for information about becoming involved in this interesting and important aspect of our fellowship. \*Current PCC members: Steve Bishop, Simon Stocks, Abi Ryan, Martin Ryan, James Ganpatsingh, Harry Ventham, Kim Watts, Carl Knightly, Marjorie Marsh, Fran King, Abraham Choong, Lola Bejide, Paula Reed, Richard Slade, Nick Whitley, Ruth Laws, Cynthia Smith, David Hunn, Amanda Shortland, Andy Leigh, Andrew Strawson and Trevor Jones.  
Nomination forms available from Church.

**CAP: - CAP Money** - see picture attached. A free course to help with money management running on consecutive Tuesdays 26<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church.

**CAP Job Club** - Next course starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 12noon - 3pm. This is a 9-week course to help people seeking employment.

More information is available from the CAP website [Christians Against Poverty](http://Christians Against Poverty) or at the Purley Cross Centre

**Foyer Coffee Shop • Closed for half term**

**Church Office • Monday – Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm only**

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