



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HINCHLEY WOOD



5 February 2012 - 3 BEFORE LENT - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

## TODAY!

10:00am	All Age Eucharist
4:00pm	Evening Prayer

## NEXT SUNDAY

10:00am	Sung Eucharist
4:00pm	Evening Prayer

## WELCOME!

Adults and children of all ages are most welcome at St Christopher's. Please do stay for refreshments after the service and introduce yourself to us. If you require ANY assistance please let us know. Large-print service sheets are available, please ask.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Members of all churches are welcome to receive Communion. We have gluten-free wafers available - just ask when you come up to communion. To receive a blessing, please bring this leaflet when you come forward. If you need communion brought to you please tell a Welcomer.

## CHILDREN

**GODZONE**, our children's groups for under 12's, meet during the service on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. They gather in church, go into the hall during the 1<sup>st</sup> hymn, and return for communion. On 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays children remain with us in church for our All-Age Eucharist.

## DRAFT

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 6 February

8.30am	Prayer and Pastries
8:00pm	Theology "Down the Pub" - The Angel

### Tuesday 7 February - John's Day Off

7:00pm	Alpha session 4 at 1 Wessex Close
7:30-9:30pm	Line Dancing

### Wednesday 8 February

9:30-11:15am	Stay and Play
10:00am	Gibson Court
12:00noon	Office Admin meeting

### Thursday 9 February

10:30am	Eucharist
2:00pm	Ministry Team Meeting
7:30pm	Choir Practice

### Saturday 11 February

12:00-4:00pm	Car Boot Sale
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**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME**

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **FIRST READING**

### **ISAIAH 40.21-31**

21Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; 23who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. 24Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. 26Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength,

mighty in power, not one is missing. 27Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? 28Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 9.16-23**

16If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. 19For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 20To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I

might win those under the law. 21To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **MARK 1.29-39**

29As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' 38He answered, 'Let us go on to the

neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' 39And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **PRAYERS**

We remember in our prayers all those in need including Hazel and any others known to us personally. We pray for the sick especially Edward Bell, Annalise Cabrera, Camilla, Gibson Court residents, Dot Gutteridge, Jane, John, Steffan Junor, Olga Kempthorne, Julie Lamb, Mary, Peter Maxwell, Joan McDonald, Johanna Portlock, Pamela Ramsay, Pamela Rixon, Ted Trees & John Wood. We pray for the housebound unable to be with us at Church. We pray for the recently departed especially Peter Highley, Patricia Mary Hopkinson, Gwendoline Lucking & Frank Turner and their families as they mourn.

*Please do inform the Parish Office when friends and loved ones can be taken off the prayer list. Thank you.*

# NOTICES

## HELP NEEDED

Stay and Play is so successful we need more volunteers on the team.

Commitment: One short Wednesday morning per month. Task: To help make the families feel welcome at St Christopher's. Qualifications:

Enthusiasm and a sense of fun!

IF YOU COULD HELP PLEASE TALK TO CAROLINE.

## **"STAY AND PLAY"**

**at St Christopher's Church  
on Wednesday mornings  
in term time  
from 9:30 to 11:15am**

A group for parents/carers/ under 5's every Wednesday at St Christopher's Church. Just drop in for toys, games, crafts, free play, singing and circle time, garden, refreshments. Qualified staff from the Children's Centre and occasional speakers.

**Saturday 11 February 2012**

**From 12:00noon till 4:00pm**

## **"INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE"**

At St Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood. Delicious hot food, tea & coffee & homemade cakes available.

If you would like to book a table please contact the Parish Office on tel 020 8398 9095 or email: [office@stchristophershinchleywood.org.uk](mailto:office@stchristophershinchleywood.org.uk)

**Saturday 18 February 2012**

**from 10:30am - 11:30am**

## **PANCAKE PARTY CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP**

At St Christopher's Church Hall, Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood Games, story, a craft and of course pancakes to mark Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent.

For children and their parents/carers.

To book a place, please contact the Parish Office on tel 020 8398 9095 or email: [office@stchristophershinchleywood.org.uk](mailto:office@stchristophershinchleywood.org.uk)

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