



WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HINCHLEY WOOD



1st March 2020 - **1ST SUNDAY IN LENT** - 1st Sunday of the Month
Welcomers this week: Liz Hammond and Ines Jenner

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.

FAMILIES

MESSY CHURCH runs on the 1st Friday of each month from 3:30pm-6:00pm with craft activities, celebration worship and a cooked tea. Next Messy Church will be on 6th March 2020.

ECO TIP

Reuse Tip 1: Reusable bottles, coffee cups and straws

Buy a reusable bottle for your **water**. These can be refilled at many locations around the country whilst you are out and about. See <https://refill.org.uk/about/why-refill/> for details.

Switch to a reusable **coffee cup** or flask. Many organisations, such as the National Trust, will give you a discount on your hot drink when you use your own cup.

Stop using plastic **straws**. Marine animals mistake these and other plastic items for food. If you do need one, reusable stainless steel or bamboo straws are alternatives.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Gathering:

Praise to the Holiest in the Heights (572)

Gradual:

Be Thou My Vision (70)

Offertory:

Forty Days and Forty Nights (190)

**During Communion the choir will sing:
Wait for the Lord (949)**

Communion hymn:

Be Still and Know that I am God (66)

Post Communion:

You Shall Go Out with Joy (766)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY – 1ST MARCH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00am 10:00am All Age Eucharist
11:30am Prayer Chain Meeting

Monday, 2nd March

9:30am Zumba
5:00pm Tutoring Sessions (Vestry)
7:30pm Zoe Bennett Pilates
8:00pm Theology at the Angel

Tuesday, 3rd March

10:00am Move It Or Lose It
3:15pm Abel Karate
7:30pm Yoga Class (Hall)
7:30pm Deanery Synod at All Saints,
Weston

Wednesday, 4th March

11:30am Lent Eucharist and discussion
12:30pm Lent Lunch

Thursday, 5th March

10:30am Move It Or Lose It
4:30pm Elevate Eleven
6:15pm Choir Practice
8:00pm Hinchley Wood Residents'
Association Meeting

Friday, 6th March

3:30pm Messy Church
6:00pm Andy King Children's Kung-Fu

Saturday, 5th March

2:30pm Drama Notes Academy

NEXT SUNDAY - 8TH MARCH

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00am Sung Eucharist



Your invitation to:

- Activities
- Songs
- Food
- Crafts
- Games
- Stories

MESSY CHURCH

Fri. 7th Feb Jesus Gets Wet
Fri. 6th Mar Growing with Jesus

You are warmly invited to join us at
**MessyChurch@StChristophers
Hinchley Wood.**

Messy Church is a different sort of church
suitable for all the family.
Children must be accompanied
by parents/grandparents/carers.
3.30-5.45pm.
No need to book, just turn up.
Everyone Welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, 29th March
11:30am-12:30pm

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday, 29th March. Everyone on the Electoral Roll is invited to attend.

This is an opportunity to have your say about how St. Christopher's is run and who you wish to represent you on the PCC as well as electing the two Church Wardens.

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

Classes arranged by the Hirers are open to all. For Hirers' details please contact Mandy Ali in the Parish Office on: 020 8398 9095 or email: office@stchristopherschurch.org.uk.

LENT REFLECTIONS

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation

This Lent the Archbishops have taken the theme of caring for God's creation as the source of their Lent programme of prayers, actions and reflections.

As the Lifestyle Group at St Christopher's, we hope that you will find these excerpts each week can inspire you to take action too, or to add the reading or prayers to your own personal Lent programme.

If you'd like to follow the programme daily, it's available as an app called "Live Lent" or online at churchofengland.org.

The reflection this week is:

Reconciling all things

'And through [Christ] God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross'

Read: 1 Colossians 15-20

Action: Spend some time this week nurturing something living: planting some seeds, feeding the birds, taking care of a pet, remembering that God made and cares for all things. "



THE BISHOP OF GUILDFORD'S LENT CALL

This year the Bishop of Guildford is calling people to keep things simple. Each day reflection will be published that will help you reflect on what God's Word says about keeping things simple, your personal and spiritual wellbeing and the busy and driven world we live in.

Each year the Lent call offers an opportunity to partner with various projects that help improve the lives of people locally and further afield. This year donations will be split equally between The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund and Youth Leader Conferences of The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

To sign up to receive the daily reflections direct to your inbox, and find out more about the call, visit: www.cofeguildford.org.uk.

You can also follow #LentGuildford on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, where the Diocese will be sharing the daily reflections and information about the two projects the call is raising money for.



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COLLECT

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers all those in need, those who are housebound, and those who are ill, at home or in hospital. We pray especially for Fr. Peter Jenner during his convalescence.

We give thanks for the lives of Margaret Carroll, Maureen Price, Rev. John Silk and John, dearly loved son-in-law to Dorothy. May they rest in peace.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 4:1-11

4 Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. 2 After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. 3 Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread." 4 But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'" 5 Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says, 'God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'" Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. 9 "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'" 11 Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.