



WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HINCHLEY WOOD



16th February 2020 - **VALENTINE'S SUNDAY** - 3rd Sunday of the Month
Welcomers this week: Liz Hammond and Stephanie Post

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

Recycling Tip 4: Document Shredding and Envelopes

It would be logical to assume that paper documents put through the shredder can be recycled, but no! Currently the systems cannot cope with "shreds", so put them into paper bags or cardboard boxes before placing in the recycle bin.

Paper envelopes, with or without plastic windows can be recycled, but padded envelopes cannot.

Junk mail can be recycled, but you can reduce the amount you receive by signing up to the Mailing Preference Service.

<https://www.mpsonline.org.uk>

TODAY'S HYMNS

Gathering:

God is Love, His the Care (216)

Gradual:

Let There Be Love (386)

Offertory:

Love Divine (428)

**During Communion the choir will sing:
Laudate Dominum (935)**

Communion hymn:

Bind Us Together (72)

Post Communion:

Come on and Celebrate (125)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY – 16TH FEBRUARY

VALENTINE'S SUNDAY

10:00am Valentine's Sunday Eucharist

11:30am Hearing Clinic

Schools on half term holiday

Monday, 17th February

9:30am Zumba

Tuesday, 18th February

Auditor in Parish Office

7:30pm Yoga Class (Hall)

Wednesday, 19th February

Parish Administrator annual leave (tbc)

Thursday, 20th February

Parish Administrator annual leave (tbc)

6:15pm Choir Practice

Friday, 21st February

2:45pm Dance Classes

NEXT SUNDAY - 23RD FEBRUARY

LAST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10:00am Sung Eucharist

3:30pm Tea & Hymns

MAUREEN PRICE

We are very sorry to tell you that Maureen Price has died. She died peacefully at Kingston Hospital on Wednesday, 12th February 2020.

Maureen had been a regular member of the congregation for many years and will be sadly missed.

Arrangements for Maureen's funeral have yet to be made.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
CHURCH HALL**
Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood

TEA AND HYMNS



**Sunday, 23rd February
3:30-5:00pm**

**and
the 4th Sunday of each month**

Tea, Cake & Hymns



ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll revision for 2020 will take place 10th February-11th March. If you are not currently on the Roll, we would like to invited you to join it.

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

For more information, and/or an application form, please contact Ann Ellis or the Parish Office.

Thank you

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

26TH FEBRUARY

After filling up on pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, join us for an Ash Wednesday morning service with ashing from 11:30am at St. Christopher's Church.



LENT 2020

We will be holding a weekly Eucharist at 11:30am during Lent on Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March and on 1st April. Instead of a sermon there will be a led opportunity for us to engage with a gospel passage together and share the ways in which it speaks to us.



The Eucharist will be followed by a simple Lent lunch at about 12:30pm.

Please do put all these dates in your diary and come along. If you would be happy to bring food to share for one of the Lent lunches, please do let Caroline know.

Many thanks

EASTER AT

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

We will be holding our usual services to celebrate Easter:

5th April - Palm Sunday

10:00am: Sung Eucharist
with Palm Procession

w/c 6th April - Holy Week

There will be Stations of the Cross in the CTD Churches Monday, 6th April- Wednesday, 8th April.

9th April - Maundy Thursday

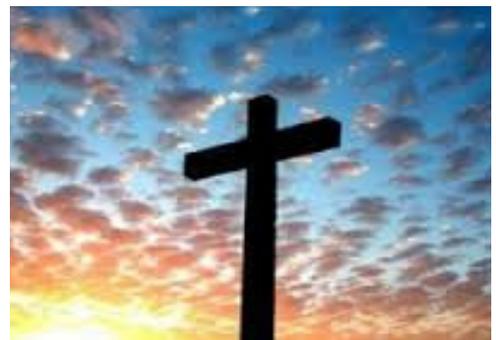
8:00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist
with foot washing and
Watch (till 10:00pm)

10th April - Good Friday

9:30am Slightly Messy Good Friday
10:45am CTD Ecumenical Service at
Giggs Hill Green
3:00pm Good Friday Service at
St. Christopher's Church

12th April - Easter Sunday

10:00am All Age Service with
Easter Bonfire



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COLLECT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1ST READING

GENESIS 1:24-2:3

24 Then God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small"—and it was done. 25 So God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw. 26 Then God said, "And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small." 27 So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, 28 blessed them, and said, "Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. 29 I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat; 30 but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food"—and it was done. 31 God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came—that was the sixth day. 2 And so the whole universe was completed. 2 By the seventh day God finished what he had been doing and stopped working. 3 He blessed the seventh day and set it apart as a special day, because by that day he had completed his creation and stopped working.

2ND READING

ROMANS 8:18-25

18 I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. 19 All of creation waits with eager longing for God to reveal his children. 20 For creation was condemned to lose its purpose, not of its own will, but because God willed it to be so. Yet there was the hope 21 that creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 For we know that up to the present time all of creation groans with pain, like the pain of childbirth. 23 But it is not just creation alone which groans; we who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts also groan within ourselves as we wait for God to make us his children and set our whole being free. 24 For it was by hope that we were saved; but if we see what we hope for, then it is not really hope. For who of us hopes for something we see? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:25-34

25 "This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds? 27 Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? 28 "And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. 29 But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. 30 It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have! 31 "So do not start worrying: 'Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?' 32 (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. 33 Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. 34 So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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 give thanks for the lives of Frank Elders, Mary Findlay, Maureen Price and John, dearly loved son-in-law to Dorothy. May they rest in peace.