

Weekly Briefing - Sunday 26th March 2023

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Sunday "Hybrid" Eucharist Service - Sunday 26th March 2023 @ 10am

This week we will celebrate a "Hybrid" Eucharist Service and will be at 10am as usual, in the church and on Zoom.

All are welcome to attend. If you or your family are feeling unwell, please join us from home.

The order of service for this week can be found on the website by following this

link: <https://www.stchristopherschurch.org.uk/service-sheet>

The Zoom ID for the service is: 689 343 005. The passcode is 2021.

The Easter Menu - How to celebrate Holy Week

There will be various services at St. Christopher's from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday. We would love to see you!

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday 2nd April 2023

10:00am-11:15am - We gather outside the Church (Weather permitting) - for blessing of the Palms. We then process into the Church recalling the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and then we hear the whole Easter story, what we call "the Passion". We conclude our service with the Eucharist and Holy Communion.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday 6th April 2023

7:30pm-9:00pm - **Commemoration of the Last Supper** and the institution of the Eucharist (where Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a ceremony to remember him by). This service includes the washing of feet or hands.

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday 7th April 2023

9:30am-10:45am - **Messy Easter** - family-friendly service.

10:45am-11:30am - **Churches Together in the Dittons - Common Worship and Witness**. Meet at the Church to walk to Gigg's Hill Green in procession for our short ecumenical service with the other Christians in the area.

3:00pm-4:00pm - The **Good Friday Service** will follow the pattern of the 'last hour': including a Reading of the Passion; Proclamation of the cross; and Holy Communion.

EASTER SUNDAY - 9th April 2023

10:00am-11:15am - We will begin our **Easter Sunday service** outside Church with the Easter bonfire. We will process the Easter "Paschal" Candle into the Church. Hear the Easter Story told. We will all get the opportunity to renew our baptismal commitment. We will celebrate the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion.

Electoral Roll Revision

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll is now finished and the names of those currently on the Roll can be viewed on the noticeboard by the Church front door. Please advise me if you spot any errors. After the APCM on 2nd April, I will be able to accept new applications to join the Roll.

Ann Ellis (Electoral Roll Officer).

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Sunday 2nd April 2023

The APCM will take place in-person in Church on Sunday 2nd April 2023 @ 11:30am. We will also stream the APCM using Zoom video and telephone conferencing technology, although you will not be able to contribute to the meeting or vote. The details you will need are as follows:

Zoom ID: 689 343 005 Passcode: 2021

All the documents you will need for the APCM are available to download from the following webpage. Please note that all documents are "draft" and not "official" until approved at the APCM, which is why we do not publish them publicly before the meeting.

<https://www.stchristopherschurch.org.uk/apcm-2023>

There are vacancies for at least one new Churchwarden and five new PCC members. Please pray about who should be serving us in these roles. The nomination forms are available to download on the website, and need to be submitted to Stephanie Post, our secretary, before the meeting.

NHS Hearing Clinic - Sunday 26th March 2023

A FREE service for people with NHS hearing aids includes: Basic maintenance, Battery supply, Cleaning & re-tubing, Trouble-shooting & Advice.

The next session at will be held on Sunday 26th March 2023 from 11:15am – 12:15pm. Bring your brown NHS Battery Book (which includes your settings and requirements) and your hearing aid.

We are Hearing Champions. A Guildford Diocese initiative, in partnership with the NHS and St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood.

For further information please contact:

- Rev. Caroline Mullins on 020 8224 3334 or email associate@stchristopherschurch.org.uk

Tea and Hymns - Sunday 26th March 2023

Our next Tea and Hymns Service is on Sunday 26th March from 4pm until 5pm. Come along for tea, cake and a chance to sing some of your favourite hymns

Post Easter-Supper - Monday 24th April 2023

It is time to start planning for the CTiD Post-Easter Supper which is taking place at St Nicholas' church hall on Monday, 24th April at 7 for 7.30pm.

We need people to sign-up with their names and phone numbers stating what they will bring out of the following options:

a) a main dish (for 6); b) potatoes/rice; c) a salad; d) a dessert (for 6); e) £7

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church. This is a really lovely community event so we would love to see as many people as possible.

Summer Festival Tombola

We are planning to hold a bottle tombola as part of our Fun Day celebrations on 15th July. The box at the back of church is starting to receive donations but we will need a lot more. It would be very much appreciated if you could pop a bottle - anything from shampoo to champagne - into the box as often as you are able. Thank you. Any questions please email: churchwardens@stchristopherschurch.org.uk for further details.

Wishing you every blessing as we approach the most Holy Week of the Year

Peter Jenner

Vicar of St. Christopher's, Hinchley Wood