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THIS WEEK

This Sunday 27th August

This is a hybrid Eucharist service and will be at 10am as usual, in the church and on Zoom. 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.

Tea & Hymns 27th August

This afternoon at 4pm - 5pm. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea and cake and sing some of your favourite hymns. All welcome. Bring a friend! Make a friend!

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday 3rd September

We will keep as Climate Sunday. As part of our commitment to the environment and God's creation the theme for our Sunday service will be our care for the world.

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Prayer Chain meeting - Sunday 3rd September in the Lady Chapel after the morning service - approximately 11.30am. The prayer chain is a small group of people who commit to praying regularly at home for people as requested. Prayer requests are confidential to the group, and come via Liz Hammond either through personal contact, or a phone call or email prayerchain@stchristopherschurch.org.uk

New members are welcome to join the group, subject to the above guidelines. If you think this is a ministry that you would like to be part of, please do have a conversation with Liz.

NHS Hearing Clinic - Sunday 3rd September in the church at the new time of 2.30-3.30pm. There is now a monthly clinic on the first Sunday of each month at this time.

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

A Guildford Diocese initiative, in partnership with Kingston Hospital NHS & St Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood.

For further information please contact:

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

This week's Eco Tip - REDUCE HEATING AT HOME

When it gets cold, put on an extra jumper before turning up your heating. Don't unnecessarily heat rooms you don't use. If possible put these rooms on frost stats or turn individual radiators off. Draught-proof leaky doors and windows if you haven't already. You'll be surprised what a difference it makes.

ADVANCE DATES

Together@Ten

We are excited to be launching a new Sunday morning service, Together@Ten, on the 1st Sunday of each month starting on 1st October. This service will be particularly suitable for families with children but also inclusive of our regulars. Together@Ten starts on 1st October with a Harvest Festival celebration at 10am.

Churches Together in the Dittons - Westminster Abbey Trip

After several years of being in the queue, CTD has finally got a place for an amazing visit to Westminster Abbey on **20 April 2024!** The tour is organised by the Purcell Club, a male voice choir who accompany the visit with regular items of sacred music. We will plan to make our own way to the Abbey and gather at 6.45pm. The tour begins at 7pm, so we need to be prompt! The evening finishes about 9.15pm and the cost is £50 per person. Each of the CTD churches can book 12 places although we will have a waiting list should demand for places be more. We will need your firm commitment and your money by the end of October (this year!) to guarantee your place. **Sign-up sheet and details of how to pay will be available from Caroline from 24th September.**

Autumn dates for your diary:

- Friday 29th September - **MacMillan Coffee morning** - Peter will be hosting a MacMillan coffee morning in church at 10.30am
- Sunday 1st October - **Together@Ten - Harvest Festival** - a celebration for all ages. Bring yourselves and a donation of dried or tinned food for the East Elmbridge Foodbank
- Saturday 14th October - **Organ Recital** - As part of our Jubilee celebrations, Anthony Cairns has generously offered an organ recital in the church at 3.30pm - to be followed by tea and cake
- Sunday 15th October - **Your Future Church** - As the final celebration of our Jubilee year, we will look forward to the future of St. Christopher's and commit ourselves to working together to build God's Kingdom here in Hinchley Wood
- Sunday 29th October - **All Souls** - We are bringing forward our annual memorial service as the feast falls mid-week
- Sunday 5th November - **Together@Ten - All Saints Day Celebration**
- Saturday 11th November - **Quiz Night** - Join us for our regular evening of Quiz entertainment
- Sunday 12th November - **Remembrance Sunday** - We will gather in the Memorial Gardens to commemorate those who have died in wars and conflicts
- Saturday 25th November - **Christmas Cafe** - We invite you to join us in this annual Christmas themed fundraising event
- Thursday 30th November - **HWRA Christmas event** - Christmas market stalls, food & drink, music, 5-8pm in the village - more details in due course

December/Christmas dates:

- 3rd Together@Ten - Christingle Service
- 10th Parish Christmas Lunch at the Angel Inn
- 17th Carol Service - 6pm
- 24th Crib Service - 3pm & Midnight Mass 11.30pm
- 25th Christmas Morning Eucharist

With every blessing from Rev Caroline & the team