



CHRIST CHURCH

Swanley

4th August 2019



The Lord will keep his promises.
With love he takes care of all he has made.
The Lord helps those who have been defeated.
He takes care of those who are in trouble.
All living things look to you for food.
And you give it to them at the right time.
You open your hand,
and you satisfy all living things.

Psalm 145 verses 13b–16 (International Children's Bible)

*Our vision is to make the love of Jesus clearly visible to one another
and to the world around us.*

Welcome to Christ Church Swanley!

Today's Service



“The Battle is the Lord's - do whatever He tells you ”

10.30am : Morning Worship

Speaker : Dave Dodd

Scripture : Joshua 5:13 — 6:7; John 2:1-11

This morning's service is an 'all-age' service which means our children and youth stay in the main body of the church instead of attending their individual Spectrum Sunday School groups.

There will be craft activities for them to be involved with which are linked to the theme of the service.

After the service you are invited to join us in The Centre for refreshments.

Next Week's Services

08.45am Early Morning Worship 10.30am Main Morning Communion

Prayer this Week

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4 : 6-7

The World - Heavenly Father, we lift to You those Christians who put their lives at risk whenever they gather to worship You. We ask that You will keep them in perfect peace with their minds stayed on You, not distracted by fears. Enable them to concentrate on seeking Your face, on praying and praising, on listening and learning from You. We pray too for those who are preparing to harm Your people today, that You will take from their hearts all hatred and violence. Cause them to abandon their plans and focus their energies on seeking the God who is love. We pray in the Name of Jesus. (Isaiah 26:3) [excerpt from the Barnabus Prayer Diary]

The Country - As we welcome in a new Prime Minister for the United Kingdom, let us pray for a united government that is willing to stand for democracy and has the interests of it's people close to their hearts. We pray for Christians in positions of trust, that they may know and understand God's will in all things, be prepared to stand for our beliefs and for Christian morals to be at the forefront of all decisions made. We pray protection over those Christians who may feel marginalised and for boldness to show and share their faith.

Our Town - We continue to pray in expectation of a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit over Swanley, that Your Church will be open and ready for revival in 2019! May Christ Church be a Gateway to Heaven on earth. Amen.

Our Church - For everyone who steps inside Christ Church, that they may find Jesus and proclaim Him as their Lord and Saviour.

We pray also, for those in our church who are suffering through illness, chronic pain, disability or bereavement including: Les A; Keith B; Sharon B; Calvin C; Terry C; Fiona D; Kathryn E; Geoff F; Marcus G; Aida H; Louise H; Mollie K; Ada M; Coleman M; Vicky R; Shirley T; Tom S; George V; Margaret V; Andrew W; Peter W;

Prayer meetings

We meet every Tuesday in the church at 10.00am and 8.00pm to pray for our church family; our town; our nation and our world.

Everyone is invited to join us even if you just wish to sit quietly in the background.

Prayer chain

If you have an immediate prayer need please text it to Janice Webb on 07305 782969

Thought For The Week

Forgiveness is an essential part of our Christian life. In the Lord's prayer it says "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us". Jesus also said "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But, if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matthew 6:14-15). The ball is firmly in our court. It can often be a process for us to forgive but it's best we make the effort. Forgiveness doesn't only relate to us forgiving others but can also apply to us forgiving ourselves and even God. A helpful summary is:



Forgiveness is a command from the Lord, is a choice not a feeling and is vital to freedom and deliverance

Because Jesus freely forgave us for all our sins, we must also freely forgive. Our inner healing ministries can help with unforgiveness. See our inner healing flyer in this week's service sheet.

Blessings

Rex Wilson – Joint Leader Inner Healing ministries

This Weeks Diary

Monday

1.30pm Handicraft & more! (Centre)
8.00pm Badminton Club (Centre)

Tuesday

10.00am Prayer Meeting (Church)
8.00pm Prayer Meeting (Church)

Friday

7.30pm Worship Band rehearsal

Our mid-week House Groups are now taking a break until September.

- Saturday's : From 10.00am—12.00noon Healing Centre at Eastgate
- 17th August : From 10.00am—12.00noon Healing Centre at STP Hextable
- 17th August : 12.45pm Community Lunch
- 23rd August : Christ Church Youth head to final Soul Survivor

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- **Healthy Living Group** continue to meet over summer except for Monday 5th August. The following Monday, 12th August, they will be meeting at the centre before heading off for a walk around the surrounding countryside. For more information, please see Jane Webber or any of the Healthy Living group.
 - Churches Together will be at the **1812 Event in Swanley Park** on Friday 23rd August. There will be great opportunities to chat to folk in the community and for low key evangelism to both young and old. Volunteers are needed at this event, erecting the gazebo, arranging children's activities, and much more. If you are interested in finding out more or have already decided you would like to help in some way, please speak to Karen Jefferys..
 - Robert Lindsay's daughter, Laura, will be taking part in the **Cancer Research UK Race for Life 5K Pretty Muddy** event on 31st August 2019. She is 'running' for Robert and hoping to raise in excess of £500. If you would like to donate to Laura's 'Race for Life' page use the link listed here. Alternatively you can pledge your support by adding your name to the list on the unit behind the pulpit and passing your donation to Robert or Sharon Kennedy. If you are a UK tax payer and donate directly, an extra 25 pence for each £1 can be claimed (gift aid) by Cancer Research from the government. For more information please see the Cancer Research website. Laura's direct link is: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lauras-race-for-life-47290>
 - If you are able to give some of your time during August to carry out some **small decorating and DIY jobs** in the centre, please would you let Linda or Mark PH know. Even if only for an hour or two in the evenings we really need your help to allow the centre to open up for groups after the summer break.
 - During August, **Brenda Taylor's son Brendan** is returning to this country after living in Australia. He will need rented accommodation and a reasonably priced car. If you, or someone you know, could help with either please contact the church office.
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