



CHRIST CHURCH Swanley

3rd November 2019



Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalms 90 verses 1-2 (NIV-UK)

*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 Lost Sheep"

10.30am: All Age Worship Service

Service Leaders: Andrew & Karen Jefferys

Scriptures: Matthew 25 : 1—13



After this morning's service you are invited to join us for refreshments in the Centre.

A photograph of a rustic wooden table set for a service. On the table are several lit candles in a black holder, a brass chalice, a woven basket, a vase of pink tulips, and an open book. A wooden cross is visible in the background.

Encounter ...

The Upper Room

 **CHRIST CHURCH**
Swanley

17th November
@ 6.30pm

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 - [The following prayer has been taken from the Barnabus Fund Prayer Diary for Sunday 3rd November, for all Christians to unite and pray corporately] Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, Your family are naked, They are in want of covering. Father, give them clothes; **All:** According to the riches of Your grace. Lord Jesus, Your family are sick, They are in want of care. Father, heal them; **All:** In Your unfailing compassion. Lord Jesus, Your family are in prison, They are in want of hope. Father, sustain them; **All:** With Your everlasting faithfulness. AMEN

The Country - As the lifestyle choices of both adults and children are called in to question with doctors announcing an epidemic of obesity building in the UK, we pray for government departments to play a more active role in breaking this chain and to both educate and encourage people to make a change; not to enforce, but to promote healthier lifestyle decisions. As Holy Spirit lives in us, our body is a temple (a holy place) (1Corinthians 6:19) so, Lord we pray for deeper understanding on how to look after ourselves and each other,

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

Our Church - For everyone who steps inside Christ Church, may they 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; Vanessa B; Sharon B; Terry C; Fiona D; Geoff F; Marcus G; Aida H; Louise H; Mollie K; Ada M; Joy M; Vicky R; Shirley T; George 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

I was watching a TV programme recently about quantum physics (as you do!). A sub atomic world of contradictions where what's real and unreal co exist - apparently it's possible.

A few days later I heard an eminent scientist say that only 5% of the universe is visible, the other 95% is made up of dark matter; he admitted it's not only unseen but can't even be proved to exist! In other words a theory without any foundation or evidence will probably at some point be taught to school children as truth.

Our culture is so defined by a blindness that refuses to acknowledge there is a God who can't be contained in a box of man's understanding. Yet the evidence of his handiwork is all around us. Science is a wonderful tool to understanding the natural world but is only of true value when God is given the glory.



This Weeks Diary

Graham Ford
Church Treasurer

Monday

1.30pm Handicraft & more! (Centre)

7.00pm Healthy Living Group

8.00pm Badminton Club (Centre)

Tuesday

10.00am Prayer Meeting (Church)

7.30pm Elders Meeting (The Manse)

8.00pm Prayer Meeting (Church)

Wednesday

6.00pm Galaxy Club

7.30pm WVT Encounter Rehearsal

7.45pm Community Action VT

Thursday

Friday

10.00am Bulrushes

7.30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

- 16th November : 12.45pm
Community Lunch
- 16th November : 7.30pm
Quiz Evening
- 17 November : 6.30pm
Encounter Service
- 23rd November: 10.00am
Church Maintenance Day
- 24th November: 12.30pm
Church Meeting
- 30th November : 7.00pm
Social Evening

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News

- The Community Action Team are holding a quiz to raise funds for the charity Tearfund. Held on **Saturday 16 November** at 7.30pm in the church centre, there will be fun questions, music, raffle and laughs. Come on your own and join a team or create your own by inviting family and friends. Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. Please sign up on the list behind the pulpit, a suggested donation of £3 per person payable on the evening. If you have items suitable for the raffle, please let Robbie know.
 - Our **annual autumn social** is taking place on Saturday 30th November. Sign up sheets for taking part, being in the audience or helping to set up/clear away are on the unit behind the pulpit.
 - Following on from Caroline Anderson's talk in March where she spoke of burying prayer stones at the entry points to her village and the subsequent increase in blessing and favour on her village; we are looking to set up a group to cover the town of Swanley in a similar manner. If you would like to be a part of this group which will place **geocache prayer pods** at strategic points around the town, please speak to Lewis, Rex or June.
 - **Swanley Foodbank** are in need of volunteers for their 3 day Tesco collection. People are needed to hand out lists of suggested items for donation to shoppers at Tesco. There are various 2 hour time slots during the day on Friday 22nd November and Saturday 23rd November. Please contact the office if you are able to help with this.
 - If you are unable to make it to any of our Sunday services, some of our main morning talks are available to listen to as a **Podcast**, downloadable from the church website or direct from iTunes (search Christ Church Swanley).
 - We will soon be **delivering leaflets** advertising our Christmas services to all the streets east of and including Swanley Lane. If you live to the west of Swanley Lane but you would like to have invites for your neighbours please let Phil know the number you require this morning so we can incorporate this into our distribution plan.
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News

- Due to an emergency operation to remove a burst appendix, **Yan Hadley** is not able to drive for the next six weeks and therefore unable to meet with us on 21st November. Our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery and we look forward to have him visit us when he has recovered.
 - There will be a **church maintenance working day** on Saturday 23rd November. We will need as many volunteers as possible to come along and help with general maintenance of the building and grounds or even make a cup of tea for everyone! Please let Mark Price Haworth or Graham know if you are able to give some time on that day.
 - At our **church social** on Saturday 30th November, Robert Lindsay would like some singers, young or not so young, male or female, to join him and lead a singalong. Anyone interested please speak to Robert or Sharon K.
 - Christ Church has signed up to take part in **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Please consider taking a leaflet and filling a shoe box (disguised with wrapping paper) with goodies for a boy or a girl. The leaflet gives more information and we also have some print outs of suggested items to put into your shoe box. Boxes need to be back at Christ Church before 18th November. Please see Linda for more information.
 - Our next **Encounter service** takes place on Sunday 17th November at 6.30pm and is entitled 'The Upper Room'. For anyone who hasn't been to one of these services, they are a time to draw closer to God through soaking (resting), reflection, prayer (a team of prayer warriors are on hand if you need healing, release, or a listening ear). It's a time for hearing from God, dancing, singing, or just laying quietly being renewed and refilled by the Holy Spirit. For those of you who enjoy arts and crafts, there's usually an area where you can literally *draw* closer to God as you create something. Encounter is a safe environment to worship in an entirely personal way. The evening is suited to adults and those in Super Nova only as there are no separate children's groups.
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