

## NEWS & CHAT Thursday 29 July 2021

Welcome to the joint weekly newsletter of Christ Church and the Bridgwater Drive Church.

**The online service will remain 'joint' while each church has its own service as pre-pandemic. For the foreseeable future, the online service will be live-streamed from the church where the minister is leading, but always on the Christ Church Facebook page.**

**New advice post-19 July.** We are now observing the following guidance:

- We will continue the use of hand sanitiser when entering the church.
- We should ensure there is as much ventilation as possible.
- Chairs will be at roughly 1m apart. There is no longer any need to book a place.  
**Please note the chairs at CC are now set out mostly in twos. If you attend on your own, you should sit on your own** (with an empty chair next to you) **NOT with someone who is not from your household or bubble.**  
Face coverings are no longer mandatory, but are **strongly recommended.**
- Congregational singing – this will be allowed, but you **MUST wear a mask when singing.** We will limit congregational hymns to 3 (we may *listen* to more – recorded, or sung by Thora)
- Coffee & tea and social time (no biscuits!) will resume after worship. The servers will wear masks. Please try to keep some distance as you wait for your drink, and wear a mask, and then go back into the worship area and do not congregate near the servery. Weather permitting, please chat outside.
- From August, Communion will return to 'normal' i.e. served bread and wine. The Elders will finalise the details of the most hygienic method of serving.

**Sunday Worship:** Children return at the start of worship from 1 August.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug:** Gwyneth at Christ Church, John Amos at BDC

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Sandy at Christ Church, Ian Miller at BDC

**Sunday 15 Aug:** the Minister at Christ Church (Communion), Robert Dart at BDC

**A reminder that Sun Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, Climate Sunday, is a JOINT service at Christ Church, at 11 a.m. café style followed by a vegetarian lunch. For catering, please let Jean know if you are planning to attend, or sign the sheet which will appear at Christ Church!** We will probably be seated around tables of 6 for the whole service, so if possible try to sit with people you are in a 'bubble' with or who you see regularly.

The Church Meeting on 21 July, discussed the time Sunday Worship should start and agreed to do **a trial period of starting at 10.30am from 5 Sept. to 7 Nov.** inclusive, and to discuss the matter again at the Church Meeting on 7 Nov. (now normally on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of alternate months going forward).

The September Church Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday 19 September (the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday already had a clash) and will mostly be a presentation of the plans for the building project with the architect Cliff Pattern. **Please try to keep this date free for this important meeting.** Although it will be a communion service, I will keep it short, so that we can start promptly at 11.30am and aim to finish by 1pm.

Naomi & Claudia will be on holiday 26 July to 8 August. Next week's N&C will be prepared by Phil G. Thank you Phil! Please send any news items or prayer requests to Phil – [phil.gendall@talktalk.net](mailto:phil.gendall@talktalk.net) or to Jean. Apologies that much of this week's N&C is a repeat of last week, but it is good to keep the dates and details of upcoming events handy and there are a few new things (just to see if you read it or not!!!)

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**ART EXHIBITION & SALE** – Naomi and others will be holding an Art Exhibition **August 13-15** (Fri. 4-7pm, Sat 10-3, Sun after worship). And selling art and refreshments to raise money for the future building project. If you are away those dates, but think you may like to purchase art, you can arrange a private viewing at the manse – **07555 705530** for the week starting 9 August.

**Please start inviting your friends and neighbours to this event!**

This is both a fund-raising event AND a social and outreach event. It will be publicised to the public, and we will promote the new monthly 'Art for Fun' art club which will start on Saturday 4 September. The event is also designed to encourage the public to come into our building and get to know us, and to show the congregation new ways of using the building once the renovation work is done.

- If you wish to donate art but haven't let Naomi know, please contact Jean while Naomi is on holiday.
- If you can help with being a steward on the day and/or serving refreshments and providing home-made cakes for sale, please contact Janine - **07719 892728, or 01702 511861 or email**

**FUTURE EVENTS – hold the dates, more information will follow nearer the time:**

- Mon 9 August Holiday Club (more info from Sandy)
- Sat 21 August, Quiz Night
- Sun 29 August – Climate Sunday, with congregational lunch after worship
- Sat 4 Sept. 10-12, 1<sup>st</sup> Art for Fun session - adults and children
- Sun 5 Sept. 3pm Service of Thanksgiving for church members who have died in 2020 and 2021. Followed by tea. Please contact Jean for details.
- Sun 12 Sept. Auction of Promises – with 'bring and share' lunch beforehand
- Sat 18 Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> new Children's Club
- Sat 18 Sept – 'More Tea Vicar' – getting to know the church event
- 19 Sept. Church Meeting – the bulk of the meeting will be a presentation of the building project proposal, with Cliff Pattern the architect. An opportunity to ask questions and discuss options.

This week the fifth item from the **9 things you can do about climate change** –



### **5. Reduce your energy use and bills**

Small changes to your behaviour at home will help you use less energy, cutting your carbon footprint and your energy bills.

- Put on an extra layer and turn down the heating a degree or two
- Turn off lights and appliances when you don't need them
- Replace light bulbs with LEDs
- Make simple changes to how you use hot water, like buying a water-efficient shower head.

Make sure your home is energy efficient. Check the building has proper insulation, and consider draught-proofing windows and doors. If you are in rented accommodation, lobby your landlord to make sure the property is energy efficient.

Switching energy supply to a green tariff is a great way to invest in renewable energy sources – and could save you money on bills too

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## PRAYER CORNER

I invite all of you to set aside time daily to pray for our churches and members but also for the whole nation and world.

This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth). **Compassion.** For compassion to be restored in our land. Compassion for: our NHS staff still ridiculously overworked; those still locked in fear of Covid and afraid to re-join society; Education and Police service staff and the impossible expectations our society places on them; anyone we know who is in need.

### Particular prayer requests this week:

Len & Pam U  
Brian, Jenny C's brother  
Tim, Bob W's nephew  
Bill & Beth  
Grace & Phil  
Di's nephew, Bobby  
Frank  
Michelle, Sophie and Baby Remy

Audrey  
Peter C  
Doreen  
Sheila S  
Della  
Joan W  
Irene



As Della has decided to stay at Brooklands, she would be pleased to see anyone who could visit.

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### CAN YOU GUESS WHERE DEXTER HAS GONE ON HIS HOLIDAYS?!





# ART



## EXHIBITION & SALE

**IN THE CHURCH**

**FRIDAY 13 AUG. 4-7pm**

**SAT. 14 AUG. 10am – 3pm**

**and on Sunday after Worship**

**Refreshments available**

**All proceeds in aid of the church  
re-development appeal**