# NEWS & CHAT 28 APRIL 2022

The online service is live-streamed every week from Christ Church, on the Christ Church Facebook page.

**Though no longer legally required by the government, masks must be worn for singing and are strongly recommended to be worn throughout Sunday Worship.**

**To continue to keep Covid-19 safe, please remember to:**

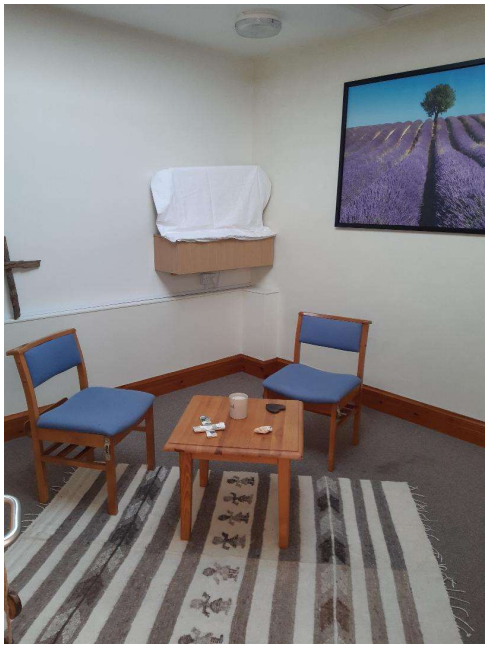
- Wear a mask at all times (unless you have an exemption) **required when singing.**
- Sanitise hands when entering the building
- Keep at least 1m from people you are not in a 'bubble' or live with, including at groups meeting at church.

During services and other events, we will endeavour to keep the Church as warm as possible whilst maintaining good ventilation, so please dress accordingly.

**SUNDAY 1 May,** 10am, the Minister at Christ Church, followed by Church Meeting
10.30am, John Amos at BDC

**QUIET SPACE –** We are in the process of becoming a **Dementia Friendly Church**, and to hopefully soon start, jointly with Rayleigh Methodist, a **monthly Memory Worship**. As part of our commitment to becoming a Dementia-Friendly Church (as discussed at the March Church Meeting), we are required to have a Quiet Space available for those living with dementia to take some time out if they need to.

The Small Meeting Room Is now a 'Quiet Space', which can be used as a space for more private conversation if people want it, when we start our drop-in café trial, and as a place for prayer after Sunday worship – rather than at the front of the church (with the door ajar for safeguarding). It was used for the first time for prayer after worship on Sunday. It can still be hired and used as a small meeting room.



**A reminder** that monthly donations for Budiriro are due this coming Sunday. Thank you!

## TIPS & IDEAS

A colourful idea from #64MillionArtists this week:
**Choose one colour that represents your week and get creative with it.**
You could collect things in that one colour, draw in one colour, take a picture of everything you find in that colour, dress in one colour, sew or knit something in that colour…

## RESOURCES

New reflections for April from St Paul's Cathedral, by Ayla Lepine *Ukrainian Dancers*
https://mailchi.mp/1204bfda051a/coming-up-from-st-pauls-cathedral-8251306?e=e30a1f608a

**Ludlow Christmas Fayre** - Kirby's are running a trip on 18th November for 3 days cost £289.00 sharing a double room, very limited singles at £44.00 per person.
Phil has made a provisional booking for 13 but needs to confirm **urgently**, deposit £50.00 each
**Please contact Phil Gendall on 01268 750324 or Phil.gendall@talktalk.net** if you're interested

## 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. We continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine.

This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth). **Elders** – As our elders begin their new year in our service, we pray with thanksgiving for their dedication to the wellbeing and worship of our church community, and ask for them wisdom in decisions, openness to the Spirit's creativity, and faithfulness to their calling to this leadership role and responsibility.

**Particular prayer requests this week:**
Bill, Beth and Elizabeth G
Della
Mark E – for hip replacement 6th May
Peter C
Eve J
Doreen

Our friends at the Bridgwater Drive Church have asked if we could pray for some of their members. They always include our prayer requests in the BDC version of News & Chat which Margaret prepares:

**Please pray for** Barbara, Pat, Cherry, Barry, Colin, Clive, Celia, Sandra, Tony, Gerry, Phil, and Yvonne.

**Details of the BDC May Fair are on the next page.**

*still Eastertide!*

# May Fair
# Saturday 7th May
# 11.00 - 2.00
## at The Bridgwater Drive Church
**on the corner of Cockethurst Close, Westcliff**
**SS0 0DU (car park entrance)**

*Stalls selling plants, cakes, preserves, books, CDs, jewellery & bric-a-brac*

*- BBQ and light refreshments*

**Admission free.**

**For more information, see our Facebook page,**

**or go to our website www.bridgwaterdriveurc.org.uk**

**or phone 07890 162322**