NEWS & CHAT 7 JULY 2022

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

SUNDAY 10 July 10am, Ian Miller at Christ Church, All Age 10.30am, the Minister at BDC, Communion

If you would like a quiet prayer said for you, after church worship, there is someone who can be by your side in the 'Quiet Space' behind the servery.

Thursday 7 July, 10.30am - Space for Prayer

Sunday 10 July, 7.30pm Harmonie Concert in aid of the Building Project. Don't worry if you don't have a ticket yet – get one from Helen Dart, or simply turn up on the day.

Hold the date – on Tuesday 26 July at 11am, Andy Jackson, Head of Communications for the URC, will come and lead a session for us on publicity and how to better promote our events and activities, including: branding, publicity, press releases, social media and websites.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

TALENT FUNDRAISER

See Janine Danes or contact her on 01702 511861 to collect your £5 and make it grow.

REMEMBER that our Wednesday morning café is happening every Wednesday, 10.30 - 12 in the worship area. Do come along and bring a friend!

TIPS & IDEAS

Why not reflect on some of the questions from last Sunday -

- Do you feel 'entitled'?
- Do you like to 'travel light' or have everything prepared?
- Do you trust in God, especially in relation to the building project?
- Are you too quick to criticize and judge others?

Why not make a Word Cloud of the words. Ideas, and themes that stand out. You can do this with good old-fashioned pen and paper, or there are various online Word Cloud generators that will do it for you insert the words you want (they make the most important words bigger). Here is an example of what was created with the text of 1 Corinthians 13:



Christ Church, Rayleigh (CC) and the Bridgwater Drive Church (BDC)

RESOURCES

St Paul's Cathedral are taking a break from weekly reflects in July and August, but you may like to check out their Learning Library for lots of resources and previous talks and reflections: https://www.stpauls.co.uk/our-learning-library

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 we pray especially for Thora and Martin following their wedding, the family of Frank Bodey, and those expecting sad news in the coming days.

This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth). **Dementia Church**. Father, we thank You for hearing the cries of those with Dementia and those who care for them. We ask Lord that You will bless and expand this ministry as You open Your heart of compassion and care through this work. Holy Spirit, empower those who lead we pray as they serve Your calling to love and care.

We (Christ Church) are in the process of being certified as a Dementia Friendly Church. Memory Worship, jointly with Rayleigh Methodist, will start in September. Please pray for this new ministry.

Particular prayer requests this week:

Jeff & Gwyneth
Phil & Penny G.
Audrey
Keith, husband of Amber's niece
Doreen

BDC:

Barbara Cherry Margaret & Ted J. Margaret & Gerry Jan's sister Beryl's family



Frank Bodey died peacefully in hospital last Sunday morning. He is now in the full presence of God, reunited with his wife Doreen. Our thoughts and prayers are with his sons Mark and John and their families.

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My latest novel *Detroit Debris* is now available from TSL books - <a href="https://tslbooks.uk/product/detroit-debris-naomi-young-rodas/">https://tslbooks.uk/product/detroit-debris-naomi-young-rodas/</a> However, if you order from me, not only will it be cheaper - £10 instead of £10.95, but I will donate the difference from what I as an author pay (£5) to the Building Project. Please let me know if you would like a copy, so I can order in bulk which will reduce the shipping cost. Thank you, Naomi

Would you like to learn Spanish? Or improve your Spanish conversation?

Claudia is hoping to set up a conversation group – in-person, or on Zoom.

One-to-one sessions also available. £10 an hour.

Please contact Claudia if interested – 07432 461452 with your preference for time, day of the week, and group or individual.

**MUCHAS GRACIAS!**