



# St. Christopher's Church

Growing together in Christ

## ***June 9<sup>th</sup> 2019***

- 9am**                    **Holy Communion**  
Service Leader:            **Tom Thomas**  
Preacher:                    **Tom Thomas**  
Readings:                    **Acts 2:1-21 (p.1032)**  
                                      **John 14:8-17 (p.1022)**
- 10.45am**                **Morning Worship with Holy Baptism**  
Service Leader:            **Tom Thomas**  
Preacher:                    **Tom Thomas**  
Readings:                    **Acts 2:1-13 (p.1032)**  
                                      **John 14:8-17 (p.1022)**
- 7pm**                    **Emmanuel Group Pentecost Service**  
                                      **At St John's Sparkhill**

## ***Welcome to St Christopher's***

Today we welcome Nora Grace Colbourne and the family as she is baptised at our 10.45 service. We also rejoice with Julia Pierce as she celebrates a milestone birthday. After the 10.45 service we'll be celebrating together with a shared lunch. Please stay if you can. Prayer ministry is also offered after the 10.45 service at the front of church.

# Notices

1. Christ Church Sparkbrook is offering a Holiday Club again this year: 'Happy Families' is taking place 5th - 9th August, 10.30am - 12.30pm. We welcome the Emmanuel Group's support of, and commitment to, this ministry by:
  - Coming to help as a volunteer at the club. This is an absolute joy and privilege, and you will be joining a highly experienced, lovely team! (Completed application form and DBS required)
  - Praying for the club and preparations, volunteers and for families to sign up as invitations go out
  - Encouraging families with 7-11 year olds to attend the club, or young leaders (14-18 year olds) to serve on team
  - Joining a fantastic group of intercessors who pray off-site while the Club takes place each day
  - Making a financial or practical contribution to crafts, games, sponsoring a young leader's food costs, etc

For more information, please contact Debbie or David at [christchurchsparkbrook@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchsparkbrook@gmail.com)

2. Our Church Weekend away March 27-29 2020 is now open for bookings. Forms are available at the back of church. Book early and request a fourposter bed!
3. Next Sunday at our 10.45 service we'll be welcoming guests who join with Lloyd and Debbie in their prison ministry and finding out more about their work and witness.

## Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>

1-3pm Springfield Garden Party. This is a joint Project-Church outreach as part of the Mayor's Weekend encouraging community cohesion. There are loads of opportunities to volunteer and serve our wonderful community. See Tina or Rebecca for more details.

4. On Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> during the 10.45 service we'll be celebrating with Simon and Alex as Phoebe is dedicated, and after the service we'll have a **shared lunch** to celebrate with them and with David and Alison who have a special anniversary this year.
5. Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm - the wedding of Ronnie and Sam (lots and lots to celebrate!)

# ‘GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT’ FUND

St Christopher’s PCC is taking a step of faith and has authorised up to £5,000 from our reserves to be designated as a new training fund for our church. Church members are being offered assistance to leave their comfort zone and do something new in mission for God.



Our vision is to see people from our church stepping out to put their faith into practice, witnessing to Christ in ways which are new or surprising to them. Ideas could include:

- Visiting one of our mission partners
- Going on an overseas mission trip
- Being part of a visit to our link diocese in Malawi
- Being part of a mission event somewhere else in the UK

We’re offering 10 grants of up to £500 each to people who will ‘step out of the boat’ to make Christ known. More details will follow but get thinking, praying, stepping, falling, learning, growing...😊

Our notices are also available via our website:

[www.stchristopherschurch.co.uk](http://www.stchristopherschurch.co.uk)

Email: [stchristopherschurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stchristopherschurch@hotmail.co.uk)

For other church matters please contact the Vicar Revd Tom Thomas on 702 2745 (vicarage) or speak to Lucy or Rachel at the office on 325 5342.

*We do not take a collection at St Christopher's but if you would like to give a gift there is a box at the back of the church near the main entrance. If you are interested in regular giving or in finding out more about belonging to St Christopher's please speak to Tom or to one of our churchwardens.*