



St. Christopher's Church

Growing together in Christ

May 12th 2019

9am	Holy Communion	
	Service Leader:	Tom Thomas
	Preacher:	Tom Thomas
	Readings:	Acts 9:36-end (p.1041) John 10:22-30 (p.1017)
10.45am	Morning Worship	
	Service Leader:	Tom Thomas
	Preacher:	Tom Thomas
	Readings:	Ezekiel 37:1-10 (p.823) Matthew 27:45-56 (p.945)

Welcome to St Christopher's

We hope you enjoy one or both of our services today. After the 10.45 service tea, coffee and juice is served. Please stay if you can. Prayer ministry is also offered after the service at the front of church.

Notices

1. *After the service today, if you had chance to fill in a survey that would be really helpful. As part of the ongoing progress towards reordering our buildings, the grant-writer has asked us to provide evidence of how the church is used and how its usage could be improved. Filling in a form would be really helpful. 😊*
2. Women's Breakfast. Come along and enjoy a leisurely breakfast, good coffee and great fellowship. Date: Saturday 18th May at 09:30 - 11:00. Speaker Carol Gibson. Please speak to Debbie Gurling or Alison Hartley about bring and share food.
3. Katherine Aldridge's Christian Aid Plant Sale: Sat 18th May 2-5; plants & teas, and Sun 19th May; just plants. 4 Paradise Lane, B280DS. Given the problems of environmental contamination with plastic, if you have any *square* plastic plant pots you don't want, please bring them along so they can be reused.
4. First meeting of new PCC - 7.30pm Monday June 3rd in the Springfield Centre.
5. Saturday 18th May - Open Gospel Singing Workshop. Registration 1.30pm, singing 2-7pm at St Benedict's Church, 55 Hob Moor Road, Small Heath. Tickets £8 or £6. See Debbie M for more details.
6. 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

Next Sunday we will welcome Revd Calvert Prentis as our preacher. Calvert is our Diocesan Director of Ordinands and a key person in the diocese in encouraging people into new and deeper ministries in a whole variety of ways.

Our Church AGM

Thank you to everyone who came and expressed their support at our recent AGM. Thank you especially to all those who played a part in the production of our annual report and in the many activities which it describes.

Some highlights from our report/AGM:

- Our new electoral roll is 120. This is wonderful! We didn't quite make the 125 which would have beaten last year, but to see so many people expressing their commitment to our church is brilliant. Within the 120 we have 27 new members, which is possibly the most we've ever had in a single year.
- Our planned giving increased last year by 10% (an additional £5743).
- We have a new treasurer and his very first accounts were given the thumbs up by our independent examiner.
- We have around 25 under-18s attending Sunday and midweek activities regularly.
- We offer a Bible, worship and prayer group every week to a local residential care home.
- We have people in their 20s & 30s meeting together regularly to pray, eat, read Scripture and encourage one another.
- We have a parish missionary doing pioneering work expressing care, love and the power of Christ in our local community.
- We oversee a community project with an income of over £1m, employing around 60 people, with over 100 volunteers helping over 5000 people across Springfield, Greet, Tyseley and Hall Green.
- We have two churchwardens willing to stand again to lead with Tom in the mission and ministry of our church.



GOD IS GOOD!

Our notices are also available via our website:

www.stchristopherschurch.co.uk

Email: 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.