



St. Christopher's Church

Sunday October 1st 2017

10.45am	Holy Communion	
	Service Leader:	Doug & Young People
	Preacher:	Andrew Smith
	Readings:	Isaiah 6:1-10
		1 John 4:7-21

Welcome to St Christopher's

Welcome to St Christopher's Church. We hope you will enjoy our service this morning. After the 10.45 service tea and coffee will be served. Please stay if you can. Prayer ministry will also be available at the front of church.

Notices

Over the summer we've been thinking and praying about a renewed sense of vision for our church. Today is the deadline for this, so if you have any feedback please put it down on paper and hand it in today.

1. Thank-you to everyone who volunteers in our church life. We are always keen to hear from people who would like to offer their gifts and this is a good time of year to offer. We are particularly in need of folk to serve tea and coffee after our main service and to welcome people as they come in. These are very much 'foot-washing' duties and we'd love to hear from anyone prepared to give them a go.



2. Monday Oct 2nd 7.30pm Children & Families Steering Group (venue to be confirmed). See Debbie for more details.
3. **Open Doors** are holding a major one-day conference called 'Standing Strong' to educate, inform and inspire people about the situation of the persecuted church. It's at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham on Saturday Oct 14th. More details available at www.opendoorsuk.org The closing date for applications is Oct 1st. They are also inviting people to sign a petition to express their support for Christians in Syria and Iraq. Copies of this are available at the back of church.
4. For any volunteers working with children (or young people), maybe parents too? A day's workshop on 'Behaviour Management' is being held on **Sat 14th October, 10am-3pm at St Andrews Church, Sandhills Rd, Barnt Green.** Tickets are £15 in advance, £20 on the day, which church will cover if you volunteer in our children's teams. If you are interested, please speak to Debbie D.

5. The banner is back....Ang and Debbie are focused now on creating a backdrop for the altar. Join us on **Sunday 15th October, 1-3pm after the church service**. Bring a bit of lunch, and enjoy prayerful fellowship making something beautiful as a group - all are welcome. Tea and cake provided....See Ang Leonard for more details.
6. Debbie D has written an update report on her work as CFM, with some prayer requests listed. Please see the Youth and Children board, or pick up a copy at the back of church. Thank you!
7. The *Immanuel Group* are gathering again for prayer and fasting on **Thursday 9th November**. Please join us as you are able - **9.30am-12noon to prayer walk through all 4 parishes/projects/church schools, and 7.30-9pm for prayer for our group and parishes, held at St Christopher's**. Please see Debbie D for more details, and more info to follow here nearer the time.
8. Friday Oct 13th - Springfield Project Quiz Night in the church in aid of the next Creative Families Festival. £10 to enter a team.
9. Thursday Oct 19th 7.30pm PCC Standing Committee at 63 Grove Road.

The Church Weekend Away - some final arrangements:

- If anyone is still without transport please speak to Tom as soon as possible.
- If anyone is going on the steam train trip please confirm your place (with payment) asap.
- Please remember to bring bed linen if you haven't ordered any.
- Do bring some wet weather footwear, just in case we're blessed with rain.
- And most of all.....pray for God to pour out his Spirit on us while we are there!

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.