

## Opportunities

### WANTED

**for a refugee family: a two or three bedroom rental property** through a scheme organized under the UK Government's Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme

If you have a property within the Braintree District, or know someone who has, which could be let at a reasonable rent please contact David Dickens [david@dickens110.me.uk](mailto:david@dickens110.me.uk) or David Brett [davidbrett570@yahoo.com](mailto:davidbrett570@yahoo.com)

### WANTED

**Volunteers to join the sound-desk rota for the 9.30am service.** Written guidelines available; hands-on experience outside service times can be arranged. Please speak to one of us – we can help you to “have a go” - **without obligation!** Phil Hayter; David Nugent; David Dickens

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**Clean 1lb jam jars** with lids or without. Maggie Pearson is making more chutney, which will be available soon for you to buy in aid of Watoto fund raising.



**Sunday  
September 16th  
2018**

## Prayer Points

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. Without speech or words their voice goes out into all the earth. *Ps.19:1-4*

**Pray:** that we and all people may use God's gifts in creation to his glory and for the relief of those in need as well as for our own well-being

**Pray:** for the foodbank, those who give and those who organise the supplies, those who serve and those who in their need receive food and domestic items.

**Pray:** for Hope House, for those who receive the shelter which it offers and all who in many ways reach out to serve those who are homeless and destitute.

*Gracious God, you have blessed us beyond our deserving, giving us more than we could ever have dared ask for, loving us with a love that refuses to count the cost, showering us with good things too many to number. For your generous and wonderful gifts we praise you. Amen*

## This Week

### Welcome to Christ Church

#### Sunday September 16th

**10.30am: joint service of Harvest Thanksgiving** led by Rev. David Sebley. Donations of non-perishable food will be given to Braintree Area Foodbank. For Foodbank shopping list/shortages see under “Events and Things to do”. After the service all are invited to a “bring and share lunch”.

#### Sunday September 23rd

Our services next Sunday morning will be led at:  
**9.30am** by Sally Chapman  
**11am** by David Cumbers

#### **Church Office Opening Hours this week:**

Tuesday Sept.18<sup>th</sup>, 8am-5pm  
Thursday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, morning  
only

## Events and Things to do

**CAMEO** meets on Thursday Sept.20<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm for a **Harvest Festival** led by Rev. David Sebley. All are welcome. Please note that Cameo will NOT meet the following week (Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>).

**Braintree Area Foodbank: Harvest Festival Donations.** 371.36kg of food donated in year to 31<sup>st</sup> March enabled the Food-bank to provide 29,412 meals to needy people.

**Food Bank shortage list:** cereals (750gm), instant mash, tinned food (spaghetti vegetables, tomatoes), cold meats, rice puddings, sponge puddings, long life milk, toilet rolls, nappies, long life carrier bags.

**Braintree Area Foodbank** are holding a **Quiz Night** on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**, 7pm for 7.30pm start at Rayne Village Hall. £5 per person, with a maximum of 8 per table. Bring your own drinks, nibbles and glasses. For tickets contact 01376 330694 or [info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk)

**Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2018.** Leaflets are now available. Please read the details carefully. The filled boxes are to be brought to the church by Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks for your generous giving, past and present. *Margaret Crow 01376 331653.*

**Cards for sale:** new stock on the table. If you can't see what you'd like, speak to one of us; we may be able to make to order. Nearly £300 raised last year for the next Mission to Uganda trip. *Sally and Maggie*

**Prayer Points:** to suggest situations of a general nature to include in "Prayer Points" send requests to [notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk) For prayer identifying families/individuals refer to Email Prayer Chain.

**Christ Church Email Prayer Chain:** To be a link in our email Prayer Chain, or to ask for prayers about specific situations or people (with their permission) contact Jean Ware on [jmware10@aol.com](mailto:jmware10@aol.com)

## Notices

Our **Unsung Heroes for September** are the **Care and Repair** team. A massive thank you goes to everyone who was involved in the Care and Repair weeks doing an amazing job during August fixing, cleaning, tidying and helping in any way to ensure that our church buildings are in a good condition. Please say a massive thank you to them!

**Thank you:** Violet, Arthur and Paul want to thank everyone who supported them during the last few months during Wendy's illness, by transport, phone calls, cards, flowers, visits and much more. Most of all, thank you for your prayers and continued support. God bless you all.

**Christ Church's GDPR Privacy Statement**, currently in draft form, is available from the church office.

**Church Directory:** while we review the GDPR legislation, the new Church Directory will not be produced for September. Our aim is to publish a 2019 Directory in December

**Phone number change:** please note that with immediate effect Valerie Dillon's phone number is now 01376 801234.

**The Church Photobook** needs updating. Not all of you have your picture there, so unless you'd rather be left out, do come and see me, so I can put this right. If you'd like a fresh picture to be put in, I'm happy to take one. David and Mel Sebley will probably find the Photobook helpful. Thank you. *Tony Evans.*

**The Weekly Notices** can be sent to you by email before Sunday. Contact [notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk)

*Please send e-mail items for the Weekly Notices to [notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk) by Thursday morning. Later items might not be included.*