

Opportunities

AN INAUGURAL MEETING to establish a Braintree District support group for refugees will be held this afternoon Oct. 14th 2.30pm at St. Barnabas Church Hall Claude Vince Avenue Tye Green Crossing CM77 8HL. You can learn about a project to rehouse up to 2 refugee families (from Syrian encampments) in the Braintree District (under a Government scheme to settle up to 20,000 refugees in the UK). A local decision to proceed can be made after property, financial and volunteering implications have been considered. More information from David Dickens (01376 552418). Please come if you can.

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



**Sunday October 14th
2018**

Prayer Points

O Lord, you have always been our secure home. Before you created the hills or brought the world into being, you were eternally God, and will be God forever. Fill us each morning with your constant love so that we may sing and be glad all our life. *Ps.90 vs.1,2,14*

Continue to pray: for the people of the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, as they face the overwhelming struggle to rebuild their lives, homes and communities devastated by earthquake and tsunami. Pray for those who are working to help them.

Pray: for all (especially young people) needing support through the NHS Mental Health services yet face long waits for appointments. Pray for mental health staff trying to meet demands with inadequate resources. Pray also that we, who experience the meaning of Jesus's words “My peace I leave you”, show through our lives the peace of God which passes all human understanding.

God, your mercy is more certain than the dawn. Each morning fill us with your love, so that we may serve you joyfully and thankfully through Jesus Christ our Lord

This Week

Sunday October 14th

Our services this morning will be led at
9.30am by Esther Hume
and at
11am by Alan Rolls.

2.30pm: inaugural meeting of the refugee support group. For more information see under “Opportunities”

Sunday October 21st

Our services next Sunday morning at **9.30am and 11am** will be led by Revd. David Sebley. The service at 11am will be All Age Worship.

Our next Sunday afternoon service will be on October 28th at 3pm, led by Rev. David Sebley, and will include Holy Communion.

Church Office Opening Hours this week:

Tuesday Oct.16th; 8am-5pm
Thursday Oct 18th; morning only

Events and Things to do

CAMEO: Thursday Oct.18th: 2.15pm Revd. Mike Lewis speaks about his pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. All welcome. There will be no meeting on Oct.25th.

Braintree Area 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 Quiz Night Wednesday 24th October, 7pm for 7.30pm start at Rayne Village Hall. £5 per person, maximum 8 per table. Bring drinks, nibbles, glasses. For tickets contact 01376 330694 or info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2018. Leaflets now available (*please read details*). Filled boxes are to be at the church by Sunday November 4th. Many thanks. *Margaret Crow 01376 331653.*

New **mission boxes** are available in the vestibule for those who do not yet have one and would like one. This year's mission is PARC.

The Church Photobook needs updating. If your picture isn't there or you'd prefer a fresh one inserted, please contact Tony Evans.

Did you see 'Debt Saviours', BBC2 Friday 5th 9pm about the work of Christians Against Poverty? It's been described as a unique insight into the lives that CAP is helping to transform. Catch up on I-Player.

Join us in prayer for God to revive His church and to move in Braintree. Wednesday evenings in Christ Church vestibule from 19.30-20.30, or come and go at any time if you cannot make the whole hour. For more information please speak to Yvonne Coombs, Peter Crow, Tina Logan or Bridget Goodman.

Christ Church Prayer: for prayers about specific situations or people (with their permission) contact the Email prayer chain (Jean Ware) jmware10@aol.com. For situations of a general nature in the "Prayer Points" send requests to notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk

The Weekly Notices can be sent to you by email before Sunday. Contact notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk

Notices

Our Unsung Heroes for October are our flower distribution team who each week give of their time to sort and deliver the flowers. Please say a massive thank you to them when you see them.

Church Directory sheets: now available in a box (marked A-W) at the front right of the church in alphabetical order by surname. Please check, amend if necessary, and return by Sunday Oct 28th. If you do not have an entry in the directory and wish to be included, please complete a blank sheet from back of box. Children's names will not be in the Directory.

Remembrance Sunday 11th November: we would like us all to be together for silence at 11.00am. With this in mind the late service will begin at 10.50am. If you normally attend the 9.30am service, please stay on for the silence so that we can remember as a whole church family. There will be an opportunity to leave following the silence.

The Car Park behind Christchurch Clinic is now run by a management company. It has been arranged that church users are allowed to park there on Sunday, **BUT NOT AT ANY TIME Monday to Saturday.**

URC Prayer Handbook 2019: £6.50 plus £1.10 postage. These can be ordered now through Diane Gridley. If you would like to buy a copy please contact Diane by the end of October (01376 342671)

New Manse phone number: for David and Mel Sebley's home the phone number is now 01376 331983.

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*

HOME-MADE CHUTNEY now available in the vestibule (spicy tomato; plum & green-gage). Donation £1 (large) 80p (small) for Watoto funds.
Maggie P.

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