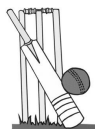


## Opportunities



### Cricket lovely cricket!

**Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon;** cricket match between Christ Church and Braintree Mosque. For more information and offers of help please contact Rowen Lazarus on 07716 522845 or [rowen.lazarus@hotmail.com](mailto:rowen.lazarus@hotmail.com) or Zelma at the Church Office. on the day. Spectators welcome, to arrive at Braintree Cricket Club from 1.30pm. Play starts 2.30pm, ends about 5pm. Bring picnics; portable seating if you can. BBQ facilities provided. Parking behind Causeway House. Come and cheer on our team.

**Connected-Confident Parenting:** a seminar by "Care for the Family" in Cambridge on June 7th. How can we help children/young people to be safe on the internet while accessing its advantages? Tickets £4. [www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)



**Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>  
2018**

## Prayer Points

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

*Galatians 5:22-23*

**Pray:** for the drivers and aid workers who will be facing risks in the Aid Convoy to take essential aid to desperate Syrian families, including food donations collected last week at Braintree Islamic Centre.

**Pray:** that despite the bitterness of the situation some way may be found to bring peace between Israel and the Palestinian people.

**Pray:** for our Church, for those newly elected as Elders, and for our new minister and his wife as they prepare to join us during the summer.

Faithful God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending your Holy spirit and opening the way of eternal life. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to witness to your truth, drawing everyone to the fire of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## This Week

### May 20<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday

Our services this morning will be led at:

**9.30am** by Revd Stuart Ellis

**11.00am** by Colin Fowler

Our services for

**Trinity Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>** will be led at **9.30am** and **11.00am** by

Alan Rolls

**The Circuit Prayer Meeting** will be held **here from 6pm this evening.** Items include Pentecost Praise; Thy Kingdom Come; and Prayer stations.

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

Monday May 21<sup>st</sup>: 8am – 5pm

Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> and

Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>: morning only

## Events and Things to do

**Cameo meets on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2.15pm** to celebrate Wesley Day. We will have a good sing of some Wesley hymns. All are welcome.

**Climbing Kili:** Kerry Hendry and Becky Fowler plan to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in August to raise money for **Dig Deep**, providing taps, toilets and training in Kenya. Funds will be raised by undertaking Babysitting, Dog-walking or House-sitting in the Braintree/Witham area in return for donations. Contact Kerry on [hendry.k@outlook.com](mailto:hendry.k@outlook.com) or 07553026927, or donate at [www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/kerrys-climbing](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/kerrys-climbing)

**Christian Aid Week was from May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>.** There will still be envelopes on the seats today Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. It is not too late to contribute to this cause. Please place your contribution in the envelope and complete the details if you wish (especially if you are able to gift aid your contribution!) Envelopes can be placed in offertory bags or handed in to the church office. Many thanks.

**Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>: Robert Joy** will be visiting Christ Church Braintree on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> from 18.00-20.30 hrs to give a testimonial about "From drugs to coming to God". The evening is to encourage the gathering of the churches in Braintree to come and enjoy an evening of worship and prophetic inspiration. Bring all your friends along who are in need of healing and seeing faith in God at work. Entry is free.  
*Yvonne Coombs*

**Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>: Exploring Health and Healing** is taking place from 10.30am to 3.00pm at Kelvedon URC. For information see the poster in the vestibule or contact Trevor Andrews [trevorandrews85@gmail.com](mailto:trevorandrews85@gmail.com) 01376 571978

**Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>:** 4pm to 7pm. Prayer Labyrinth at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church, Chelmsford

## Notices

**Unsung Hero for May** is Marilyn Nunn for generously volunteering to vacuum the worship area every week. Please say a massive thank you to her when you see her.

**At the July Church Meeting** we will decide on the Mission Giving for the next church year. This includes proceeds from the Mission Boxes, Big Christmas Card and retiring collections. Suggestions with details and reasons why we should consider the cause, should be passed to Revd. Stuart Ellis or an Elder **by the end of June 2018**

**Walk All Over Cancer: a very big Thank You** to everyone who sponsored me. Together we have raised £700.00 for Cancer Research UK: with Gift Aid of £85 the fund will receive a total of £785.00. Thank you all so much: I never expected to raise this amount of money.

*Vivian Salter*

**The Leprosy Mission Charity Coffee Morning** raised £163. A very big Thank You to everyone who came and all who supported this and gave so generously.  
*Diane and Esther*

**Lunch Club washing up:** Dorothy Lodge has had a positive response to her appeal for someone to wash up occasionally on a Wednesday.

**Plants for Sale:** Dorothy Lodge has also had a good response to her plant sale in aid of the Halstead Day Centre. Enjoy your Summer blooms  
*Many thanks: Dorothy.*

**Cards for sale:** new stock added to 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 was raised last year for the next Mission to Uganda trip. *Sally, Maggie, Wendy*

**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)

*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.*